From: Logan Ashley
To: Rob Schommer
Subject: Animal Changes
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Good morning Rob,

Attached is what I have been working on in reference to our council discussions on animals. If you and Michaela could please take a look and see if this gaps our shortcomings when it comes to animals. On the document, deletions are in RED and additions are in YELLOW. Section 618.22 Backyard Chickens and Rabbits is a completely new section. I'm including my rationale so you can see what I am trying to accomplish.

Sec 618.07: Barking or howling dogs

-I changed this section to include ALL domesticated animals. Realizing that as our society changes, people change what type of animals they keep at home. I have changed this section so it isn't animal specific and does not tie the hands of our police department and is fair to all property owners.

Sec. 618.12: Hunting Prohibited

-I have added this to be "Hunting and Slaughtering Prohibited." As discussed previously, this will help mitigate a current gap in our laws. I have included an exemption for veterinarians and any type of pet cemetery

Sec. 618.13: Nuisance Conditions Prohibited

-In keeping with Sec. 618.07, this changes "dog" to "animal."

Sec. 618.15: Certain Animals Prohibited

-I have deleted chickens from this section and added agricultural animal or livestock. This is to clear up any confusion with residents that livestock is allowed on residential property. The court case referenced is from the Ohio State Court of Appeals and discusses how a municipality can restrict types of animals and the quantity. The Ohio Revised Code referenced states that "livestock" is not considered a companion animal.

Sec. 618.22: Backyard Chickens and Rabbits

-This is a completely new addition to our animal code.

Respectfully,

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