



Prohibit Retail Sale of Puppies and Kittens

City Council Regular Meeting

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Purpose

The purpose of this item is to ban the retail sale of dogs and cats from stores in Fort Collins City limits.

Background

- Many in the community have been asking City Council to address concerns related to animals sourced from puppy and kitten mills by adopting a ban on the retail sale of dogs and cats.
- At the June 18, 2024, regular meeting a formal request was made to bring such an ordinance to City Council at the August 20, 2024, regular meeting.

Other Policy Options for Further Consideration

- Modify the Proposed Ordinance to fully exempt existing retail sales in stores.
- Consider potential interest in new Ordinance to enact additional Code amendments to ban sales of dogs and cats (or any live animals) from parking lots/roadside areas, outdoor markets or sales events.

Implementation

- Should Council adopt the ordinance as written the implementation date would be May 20, 2025.
- Staff has confirmed that NOCO Humane could enforce this Ordinance as part of their contract with the City.

