



Town of Johnstown

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2020

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing – First Reading** Ordinance No. 2020-183, an Ordinance Amending Sections 7-121 and 7-138 of the Johnstown Municipal Code Concerning Rodent Pests

ACTION PROPOSED: Approve Ordinance No. 2020-183

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Ordinance No. 2020-183, an Ordinance Amending Sections 7-121 and 7-138 of the Johnstown Municipal Code Concerning Rodent Pests

PRESENTED BY: Marco Carani, Director of Public Works

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Enclosed for your review and consideration is an ordinance amending section 7-121 and 7-138 of the Johnstown Municipal Code concerning rodent pests. The proposed ordinance arises from a request by the Town's Public Works Director.

Ordinance 2020-183 will allow Town Staff to regulate and require property owners to control the infestation of rodents, and pests throughout the Town of Johnstown. Recently, prairie dogs are entering the Town's public spaces and causing damage, specifically in the Johnstown Cemetery. This ordinance allows the Town to require all property owners where these pests are migrating from to mitigate and prevent the infestation onto neighboring properties. This ordinance also gives the Town the authority to abate these rodents at the property owner's expense if not completed in a reasonable amount of time.

LEGAL ADVICE:

The Town Attorney drafted the ordinance.

FINANCIAL ADVICE:

N/A.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Ordinance 2020-183, an Ordinance Amending Sections 7-121 and 7-138 of the Johnstown Municipal Code Concerning Rodent Pests.

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SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

For Approval:

I move to approve Ordinance 2020-183, an Ordinance Amending Sections 7-121 and 7-138 of the Johnstown Municipal Code Concerning Rodent Pests.

For Denial:

I move to deny approval of Ordinance 2020-183, an Ordinance Amending Sections 7-121 and 7-138 of the Johnstown Municipal Code Concerning Rodent Pests.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation:

Town Manager