



**City Council Agenda
October 20, 2022**

Ordinance

Action Item

Agenda Description:

Discuss, consider, and possible action on amendments to Chapter 2 Animal Control.

Background Information:

There are six sections of the Animal Control ordinances that need revisions. Some revisions are due to changes in Texas law and others are due to costs increases and changes in shelter operations.

Financial Information:

The largest financial impact will come from changing the cost of the adoption fees. This cost increase will allow the shelter to sterilize and fully vet the animals before they are adopted. Sterilizing the animals prior to adoption will increase the shelter's efficiency by decreasing tracking needs and also decreasing the number of citations issued as a result of failure to sterilize as required by the adoption contract.

2.03 Identification will do away with the annual city license requirement and replace it with a requirement to microchip their pets. This will now be a one-time expense versus a reoccurring annual expense. Adding the microchipping requirement will also aid the shelter in returning lost pets in a more timely manner.

City Contact and Recommendations:

Amber Bransom, staff recommends the adoption of requested ordinance changes.

Attachments:

- 2.01.001 Definitions
- 2.01.007 Tethering of Dogs and Other Animals (Law change)
- 2.02.001 Impoundment and Redemption
- 2.03.005 Identification Tag and Microchip Required
- 2.05.006 Keeping of Livestock (adds keeping of fowl)
- Article A3.000 Animal Control Fees