



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Steven Anderson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Consider an Ordinance Amending Ch. 14 Animals
Background Information:	<p>Chapter 14 Animals was last updated in 2008 and needed refreshment. Many of the processes outlined in the ordinance are either obsolete or have changed. Definitions were updated and dangerous animal(dog) and potentially dangerous animal(dog) now matches the statutory definition. Common pets such as hamsters, gerbils and guinea pigs were not allowed under the ordinance.</p> <p>The amendments would also introduce a new section to allow backyard chickens. The Legislative and Ordinance Committee met on September 10 and invited veterinarian Scott Kuecker and Southwest Health and Human Services personnel to discuss chickens. The L&O Committee reviewed other cities that allowed chickens, and all members voted in favor of introducing the amendments.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	
Alternative/ Variations:	To adopt Ordinance 24-026 amending Ch. 14 Animals and removing Article 14-V Backyard Chickens and authorize its summary publication.
Recommendations:	To adopt Ordinance 24-026 amending Ch. 14 Animals and authorize its summary publication.