

AGENDA REPORT

City Council Meeting

TODAY'S DATE: 09-09-24

MEETING DATE: 09-18-24

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Police Chief Corey Coon

SUBJECT: Proposed Ordinance and Summary: Dog Licensing

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

We are requesting the council to repeal the city's requirements for dog licensing to allow the city to implement a free licensing program. The current dog licensing system has been ineffective, and the resources spent on operating this program exceed the benefits. By eliminating the license requirement, the city can proceed with a free license program, which we believe will lead to an increase in the number of licensed dogs in our community and help us reunite lost dogs with their owners more effectively. We have already discussed with the BTAA and North Idaho Vets, who are interested in participating in the free program by offering free pet microchips and licensing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the proposed ordinance changes as set out in the proposal.

ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed ordinance and summary

WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT? Yes

Very limited impact. Sufficient dog license tags for the upcoming budget cycle have been budgeted for.

HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BUDGETED? Yes,

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Ordinance and Summary