

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee
FROM: Jay Mason, Police Commander
DATE: November 8, 2022
SUBJECT: Ordinance No. O2022-024, TMC 6.04 Dogs, Cats and Other Pets

1) Recommended Action:

Authorization to move Ordinance No. O2022-024 forward to the City Council for approval.

2) Background:

TMC 6.04, relating to dogs, cats and other pets, was enacted in 1996 and last updated in 2014. The City of Tumwater is party to an interlocal agreement with the cities of Lacey and Olympia, as well as Thurston County, for animal services operations. The entity providing this service is known as Joint Animal Services, whose operations are overseen by a Board of Commissioners (elected officials from each entity, known as JASCOM). Councilmember Althaus is Tumwater's representative. The Joint Animal Services Director and JASCOM have recommended an update to definitions and language of TMC 6.04 to support a new, lifesaving cat program. This ordinance reflects those requested changes.

3) Policy Support:

2021-2022 Strategic Priority: *"Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services"*

4) Alternatives:

TMC 6.04 would remain in its current form.

5) Fiscal Notes:

No fiscal notes.

6) Attachments:

A. Ordinance No. O2022-024, TMC 6.04 Dogs, Cats and Other Pets