

Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Department:	Animal Services	Account Code:	
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Subject

Consider, and act upon, Ordinance No. 2021-22 amending Wylie's Code of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 2021-17, as amended, Chapter 18 (Animals); prescribing regulations to ensure the health and humane treatment of animals and the public; defining terms; establishing regulations of animals, dogs and cats, dangerous dogs and rabies control; providing for an animal shelter advisory board; providing a savings/repealing clause, severability clause, penalty clause and an effective date; and providing for the publication of the caption hereof.

Recommendation

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-22 amending Wylie's Code of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 2021-17, as amended, Chapter 18 (Animals); prescribing regulations to ensure the health and humane treatment of animals and the public; defining terms; establishing regulations of animals, dogs and cats, dangerous dogs and rabies control; providing for an animal shelter advisory board; providing a savings/repealing clause, severability clause, penalty clause and an effective date; and providing for the publication of the caption hereof.

Discussion

The current Animal Services Chapter 18 (Animals) has been evaluated in its entirety.

The amendment and replacement of the Chapter is to primarily to establish current minimum and future amended compliance with state and federal laws related to animal services.

- Texas State Rabies Control Act: Health and Safety Code Chapter 826 State regulations adopted, as amended, and standards established for rabies control and quarantine provisions.
- Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 822, Subchapter D, "Dangerous Dogs" compliance provisions as it is now enacted, or as hereinafter amended.
- Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 828, as it exists or may be amended. (Adoption compliance related to sterilization requirements).

Additionally, Article I definitions, impoundment, disposition, public nuisances, animal trapping, and animal tethering now provide accuracy to current operation standards, humane standards, and state or federal laws.

Article II, allowing for department designee to issue City license will allow residents the ability to license pets through online service. Permit, license and registration revocation have an appeal process for the owner. Animals deemed dangerous by other jurisdictions are not permitted entry to the City.