



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of September 8, 2015  
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 15, 2015

**DATE:** August 31, 2015  
**TO:** Ronald L. Olson, City Manager  
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Ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances to modify the animal care ordinance

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance modifying the collar requirements for dangerous dogs; requiring security fence and leash for dangerous dogs; establishing tethering standards; Providing for severance; Providing for publication; Providing for penalty; and Providing an effective date.

### **PURPOSE:**

Updating to current code of ordinances regarding animal care.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The changes to the ordinance are:

- Defined secure enclosure. Our ordinance did not have a clear definition of what was considered a secure enclosure for the animals that the city were deeming dangerous. Because of this, we were releasing dangerous animals back into the public without standards for the way the animals had to be secured on premises when not on a leash.
- Changed the color of collar for Dangerous Dog from lime green to "bright colored" with the words "dangerous dog" printed on it. The former law required a lime green collar, and no one knew that lime green meant dangerous animal. We have a supplier lined up and ready to produce the collars that we can in turn sell to the people wishing to buy them from the city.
- Tethering – added that an animal that is not in an enclosed/ secure back yard, must be kept on a running line, pulley, or trolley system. Animals can still be secured by tethering them to a fixed object for a period of time as long as it does not create an unhealthy situation for the animal. This change puts Corpus Christi in line with most of the cities in the State regarding tethering.

These changes were approved by the Animal Care Advisory Committee on June 18, 2015.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Conforms to all city policies.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Legal

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

☐ Operating      ☐ Revenue      ☐ Capital      X Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2014-2015</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				0
Encumbered / Expended Amount				0
This item				0
BALANCE				0

Fund(s): General

**Comments:****RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends supporting changes to the ordinance.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance