



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: February 18, 2020

TO: Jim Throop, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Update on Ordinance No. 1655(18) Relating to Animal Raising and Keeping

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council receive the update on Ordinance No. 1655(18) relating to animal raising and keeping.

Background/Discussion:

On February 5, 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1655(18) which amended the City's zoning code to allow for the non-commercial tending of small animals that are not household pets (such as chickens, birds, ducks and rabbits, but not including turkeys or peacocks). The City Council directed staff to return approximately one year after adoption for a review of the ordinance.

To date, staff has monitored the effects of the adopted ordinance and reports that only one complaint (at a single location) has been received through the newly created "Citizen Concern" form. The received complaint was specifically related to a rooster, which is specifically prohibited in the ordinance (attached). To address the complaint, staff followed up with the citizen and forwarded the complaint to Santa Barbara County Animal Services on January 17, 2020, for review and action (inspection). At this time, staff does not recommend any revisions to the ordinance unless directed by the City Council.

Fiscal Impact:

When complaints are received that are related to animal raising and keeping, the City utilizes an existing contract with the County of Santa Barbara Animal Services. Other than the direct costs associated with the administration of that contract, no other fiscal impacts are associated with continuing implementation of the ordinance.

Conclusion:

Since the adoption of Ordinance No. 1655(18) there has only been one complaint received regarding small animal raising and keeping within the City limits.

That complaint was forwarded to Santa Barbara County Animal Services for review and action (as necessary).

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Halvorson, Planning Manager

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Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachment: Ordinance No. 1655(18)