



Board and Commission Council Committee Agenda Item Request

Name of Board or Commission: Animal Advisory Commission

Request Number: 20160111-05D1

Description of item: This Agenda Item Request is in response to a Council Committee Agenda Item Referral from the Mayor's office dated August 13, 2015. The Animal Advisory Commission created a workgroup and the attached workgroup recommendation to amend Chapter 3-2 of City of Austin Animal Regulations was approved by the Commission October 12, 2015. The Commission is now requesting their recommendation be sent to council committee.

Board or Commission Vote to refer item to Council:

Motion by Commission Nazor, seconded by Comm. Hogue Vote: unanimous, all commission members were present

Date of Approval of Request: 1/11/2016

Attachments: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the attachments: Animal Advisory Commission Recommendation 20151012-4-g

Attest: 

Signature of Board/Commission Chair or Staff Liaison

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Council Committee Assigned:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Audit & Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Neighborhood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AE Utility Oversight | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Opportunity | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space, Environment & Sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Human Services | | |

Recommend a Fiscal Analysis be completed?

Recommend a Legal Analysis be completed?

Notes:

Mayor Signature & Date:



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION 20151012--4-g**

Date: 10/12/2015

Subject: Animal Ordinance Revision

Motioned By: Larry Tucker

Seconded By: Robert Shaw

Recommendation

Recommendation to add the following language to Chapter 3-2 of the City Charter.

3-2-8 TRAINING AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS

(A) A person may not train or control an animal by the use of a baseball bat, axe handle, pitchfork, bull hook or device of similar design for similar purpose.

3-2-8 does not apply to animals defined as livestock in 3-1-1.

Ordinance takes effect on October 1, 2016

Description of Recommendation to Council

This addition will close any loophole created by council eliminating similar language in the recently adopted Bull Hook ban while also extending these protections to all animals as Council indicated they preferred.

Rationale:

The Animal Advisory Commission agrees with those Council members who wish to expand these protections to all animals. We have suggested an exemption for "Livestock," and deferred enactment to coincide with the Bull Hook ordinance. We also eliminated some language from the elephant item that we consider redundant and unnecessary.

Vote

For: Kaviani, Mier, Kjellberg, Nazor, Tucker, Hogue, Shaw, Mitchell, Lundstedt, Means

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Neuhaus

Attest: [Staff or board member can sign]

Joan Hamilton Huber