



City of Austin

Animal Services Office, Austin Animal Center

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To: Mayor and Council

From: Tawny Hammond
Chief Animal Services Officer 

Date: November 9, 2016

Subject: Clarification Memo for Item No. 2 Amending City Section Code 3-1-29 (Sterilization)

The November 10th City Council agenda includes an item for the Mayor and Council's consideration to approve an ordinance amending City Code 3-1-29 (Sterilization) related to the sterilization of animals impounded at the Austin Animal Shelter.

In the Amount and Source of Funding and Fiscal Note sections, it currently states the following, "TBD".

Animal Services would like to clarify to Mayor and Council that this section should be consistent with the November 3, 2016 memo sent last week regarding the resolution amending Austin City Code Section 3-1-29.

"ASO believes the budgetary impacts will be negligible because ASO currently offers this service. As is the case now, some pet owners want to get their pet sterilized and use ASO services (in-shelter sterilization or voucher), and some choose not to. Any fiscal impact will be nominal enough ASO will be able to absorb the cost into the operating budget. Staff will continue to closely monitor costs; if additional funding is needed, staff will review the ASO annual budget and evaluate other potential funding sources for opportunities and present them to Council during the fiscal year 2017 – 2018 budget process."

If I can provide any further information regarding budgetary information please let me know. I can be reached at 512-978-0536.

cc: Elaine Hart, Interim City Manager
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