



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Joel G. Baker; Austin Fire Chief

DATE: December 06, 2023

SUBJECT: Austin Fire Department's Response Council Item 42 - Fire Safety for Animal Housing

Council Item 42 requested the Austin Fire Department initiate amendments to City Code Title 25 (Land Development Code) to provide minimum fire safety standards for facilities that house or hold animals on a 24-hour basis.

The Austin Fire Marshall proposes to address fire safety in 24-hr animal care facilities by amending the current Ordinance to require smoke detection in all new facilities and in some cases automatic sprinklers. Existing facilities will have 2 years from date of adoption to install a compliant smoke detection system.

The Austin Fire Department is ready to publish the proposed language for public comment and move forward with the adoption process.

If you have additional question, please contact Benjamin Flick in the Fire Marshall's Office at Benjamin.Flick@austintexas.gov.

cc: Jesús Garza, City Manager