



Lompoc City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: October 3, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1534(06) TO REQUIRE STERILIZATION OF DOGS IN THE CITY OF LOMPOC, ESTABLISH EXEMPTIONS TO MANDATORY STERILIZATION REQUIREMENTS, AND STRENGTHEN REGULATION OF ANIMALS DETERMINED TO BE DANGEROUS

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt Ordinance No. 1534(06), which was introduced by four affirmative votes, after public input on September 19, 2006.

DISCUSSION:

The text of the attached Ordinance No. 1534(06) has been modified as directed by Council prior to voting on September 19, 2006. In addition to a more precise definition of "Hearing Officer" in Section 0600.L, the wording of Section 0657.A.5 has been corrected, and an amnesty/grace period has been established by Section 11 of the Ordinance. Several other very minor editorial corrections were made to spelling, etc.

SUMMARY:

Staff wishes to thank Santa Barbara Animal Services Director Jan E. Glick for her professional cooperation and valuable contributions to the creation of Ordinance No. 1534(06) and to express our sincere appreciation to members of the public for their exceptionally useful input in this matter.

Staff recommends that Council adopt Ordinance No. 1534(06), to be effective on and after November 3, 2006, subject to a "rolling" ninety-day grace period as dog licenses are renewed throughout the first year following implementation of these mandatory sterilization requirements. Staff believes that adoption of this Ordinance will make some headway in the battle against irresponsible pet overpopulation.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary P. Keefe
City Administrator

Attachment: Ordinance No. 1534(06)