

Chapter 3: Regulation of Animals



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Process of Updating Chapter 3

- Humane Society submitted proposed language in September 2018
- City Attorney's Office (including prosecutors), LKPD, and Planning & Development Services reviewed
- Meetings with Humane Society

Notable Changes

- Definitions
 - Adequate care, adequate food, adequate water, adequate shelter, adequate health care
 - Enforcement officer
 - Owner
 - Vicious/Dangerous animals



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Notable Changes

- **Penalty Section**
 - 1 section up front
 - Creates different penalties for different sections



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Notable Changes

- **Animals Excluded from prohibition**
 - Added a number of animals based upon H.S. recommendations
 - Grandfather provision for cat limit
 - Additional discussion on prohibited vs. permitted



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Notable Changes

•Cruelty to Animals

- Updated based upon best practices
- Added a new crime of “depiction of animal cruelty”
- Added a requirement that landlords contact an Enforcement Officer within 24 hours to report animals abandoned in a rental property.



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Notable Changes

- **Animal Nuisances**

- Odor
- Noise
- Property damage
- Animals in heat
- Animal that injures another animal



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Notable Changes

• **Dangerous Animals**

- Any animal which has caused a bite injury or killed another dog or cat, equine, or livestock
- Adds requirements for keeping the animal after adjudication, including leash and muzzle, confinement indoors, “dangerous animal” signs, training classes, spaying/neutering, and possible insurance requirement.



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Notable Changes

• **Vicious Animals**

- Any animal which has caused great bodily harm, disfigurement, or death to any person.
- Does not include an animal that has caused great bodily harm to any person while a person was committing a criminal offense, or willfully trespassing on the property of the owner of the animal.



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Notable Changes

Reckless pet owner

- Replaces the current habitual violator section
- 4 or more violations within 36 months
- Can include a prohibition on pet ownership



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Outstanding Issues

- **Community Cats (Trap, Neuter, Release)**
- **“Shall” impound**