



STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 7, 2021

TO: Kent Cagle, City Manager

FROM: Traci Briggs, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Amending the number of citizens appointed to the Animal Advisory Committee

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Section 6-36 of the Code of Ordinances provides for the creation of an Animal Advisory Committee. In compliance with Health and Safety Code 823.005, the committee is comprised of at least one (1) licensed veterinarian, one (1) city official, one (1) person whose duties include the daily operation of the city's animal shelter, and one (1) representative from an animal welfare organization. Although not required by the Health and Safety Code, the ordinance includes appointment of seven (7) citizen members.

On September 21, 2021, staff brought an item to the City Council regarding appointments to various citizen boards, commissions and committees. The Animal Advisory Committee was discussed at length. The City Council approved a motion of direction for staff to bring an ordinance amendment forward to reduce the number of citizen appointments to the Animal Advisory from seven (7) to three (3).

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The City Council may disapprove reducing the number of citizen members, change the number of citizen members to something other than seven (7) or three (3), or approve the attached ordinance reducing the number of citizen appointments to three (3).

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

Based on the motion of direction approved by the City Council on September 21, 2021, staff recommends reducing the number of citizen appointments on the Animal Advisory Committee to three (3).

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This item complies with city policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

N/A

Is this expenditure budgeted?

N/A

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the September 21, 2021, motion of direction, staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached ordinance reducing the number of citizen members on the Animal Advisory Committee to three (3).

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance