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Staff Report

ITEM NO. 4

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Chief Kim Morrell
Date: April 25, 2007
Subject: Animal Control Ordinance, Title 5, Chapter 1, Article 5, of the Lemoore Municipal Code revision.

Discussion:

During a Lemoore City Council study session, after discussing animal control problems, the council directed the City Attorney to revise the ordinance regarding bite dogs, dangerous animals and potentially dangerous animals.

The City Attorney has drafted the attached proposed ordinance. The ordinance amends the City's current Animal Control Ordinance consistent with the City Council's direction of April 2. In particular, language has been added to distinguish definitions and procedures for potentially dangerous animals and dangerous animal. In that regard the ordinance also adds an administrative appeals process that dovetails with the other ordinance proposed this date for introduction concerning Administrative Hearing Procedures. The administrative enforcement process will be much more helpful than the current alternative which is to pursue enforcement criminally through the judicial system. The proposed ordinance also updates other provisions. The proposed ordinance includes bolded bracketed language by each section to explain the section. Please note that the bracketed language will not be part of the ordinance. It is included to make reading the ordinance more convenient.

Budget Impact:

Minimal

Recommendation:

That the Lemoore City Council waive the first reading that amends Ordinance 2007-03 Title 5, Chapter 1, Article 5 of the Lemoore Municipal Code -Animal Control, and pass this ordinance to a second reading.