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## Memorandum

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To: All City Council Members  
Cc: Mike Applegarth, Council Office Director  
From: Council Member Alison Stroud  
Subject: Proposal to change the maximum allowed number of household dogs

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Section 12-1-7 of the Sandy Animal Services Code states:

“No more than two dogs (other than an assistance animal, a retired assistance animal, or both) may reside at any address within the jurisdiction at a time unless a hobby license is obtained...”

Many Sandy residents currently own more than two dogs, eliminating the possibility for resident to adhere to the current Animal Services Code. The easiest way to solve this problem is to change the maximum number of licensed dogs permitted at a residence. By doing so, we allow more leeway for families that have more than two dogs, encouraging those that are not currently compliant, to come into compliance without the worry of having to give up a beloved pet.

In order to change the maximum number of dogs that reside in a single residence we must do the following:

1. Update Title 12-1-7(f) of the Sandy Animal Services Code to allow for more than two dogs to reside at any address.
2. Hold a public hearing to update the Sandy Development Code, Title 21-11-3(b)(1)(b) to allow for more than two dogs to reside at any address.

Since my proposal is to consider a change to the Animal Services Code, I encouraged the Animal Services Director to include other changes to the Code that he felt were necessary. Those changes may include updates to the policies on animals at-large, animals attacking, and the specifics of registration for a qualified rescue.