



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Title:

Council Member Nicholl introducing a code amendment concept to prohibit the sale of companion animals, namely dogs and cats in a retail setting within Sandy City.

Presenter:

Council Member Nicholl

Description/Background:

The purpose of this agenda item is to start the process of developing a code amendment or code amendments to prohibit the sale of companion animals, namely dogs and cats in a retail setting in Sandy City. Proposed amendments will likely impact City business licensing, zoning, and animal services sections of City code.

Over the last few years Sandy City has prioritized public safety through key revisions to animal welfare regulations. We have made great progress in our transition to a no kill animal shelter, and have eliminated the use of the gas chamber in cases where euthanasia is required by code or by request. Our shelter has been remodeled to help reflect the improved focus on animal welfare and resident experience.

Prohibiting the sale of companion animals is the next step and worthy of our consideration. Currently, our code does not regulate the care or conditions of animals while at the pet store. Recently, constituents have been contacting the Community Development Department requesting information about Sandy's efforts in this area and requesting additional protections.

With the Council's initial approval of this proposal, I will be working with Council staff, Community Development, Animal Services, and Legal to develop the requisite set of code amendments. When complete, the amendments will be brought back to the Council for final consideration.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact is measured by the staff time involved with the drafting of the ordinance.

Further action to be taken:

A final set of code amendments will be scheduled for a vote of the City Council.

Recommended Action and/or Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the development of proposed amendments prohibiting the sale of companion animals.