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City Council Report

Meeting Date: July 19, 2021
Agenda Item: Consideration to approve First Reading Title 32 Animals
Prepared By: Daniel Ainslie, City Manager

Background Information:

The City of Sturgis Animal Shelter operates under the guidelines established within the City's Title 32 Animals. From these ordinances, the City has adopted a set of Standard Operating Procedures which guide the day to day operations. The staff at the Animal Shelter have requested that the ordinance be changed as it relates to the number of days that the Shelter is required to hold animals. Section 32.03.04 and 32.03.05 state that the shelter must hold animals for 5 days before the animal can be adopted or potentially euthanized. In practice, this often is not enough time to guarantee an animal's owner has sufficient time to inquire at the shelter to see if it is holding their animal. Therefore, to assist in averting any potentially significant error, the staff is requesting that the required holding period be extended from 5 days to seven.

The Council held discussion regarding this change on June 21. Since that discussion, no change has been made to the proposed revised ordinance.

Budget Impact:

None

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving the first reading of a proposed amendment to the ordinance.

City Manager Approval:

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32.03.04: IMPOUNDMENT AND DISPOSITION OF DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS Any dog, cat, or ferret found running at large as defined in this ordinance may be taken by the Animal Control Officer and impounded in the animal shelter to be confined in a humane manner. Any animal impounded and not claimed by their owners at the expiration of seven (7) days may be disposed of at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, or appointed designee, except as hereinafter provided in certain cases of certain dogs, cats, and ferrets. Immediately after impounding such dog, cat, or ferret, before euthanizing or disposing of it, the owner shall be given notice of the conditions whereby he/she may regain possession of such dog, cat, or ferret. If any owner has requested his animal to be euthanized and disposed of humanely, the Animal Control Officer or appointed designee, may collect from said owner a fee that will cover the cost of such euthanization, disposal and impoundment for the City.

32.03.05: REDEMPTION OR DESTRUCTION OF DOGS, CATS, OR FERRETS RUNNING AT LARGE - UNTAGGED During the period of possession, any person, by paying the City the sum of \$10.00 per day or any part thereof to a maximum of seven (7) days or any part thereof for the impound, and having a current rabies certificate may redeem and obtain possession of a dog, cat, or ferret that was untagged or tagged and thereby impounded. If the owner of any impounded dog, cat, or ferret, under the provisions of the article, shall fail to redeem such dog, cat, or ferret within seven (7) consecutive days, not counting Sunday and holidays, after such impounding, said dog, cat, or ferret shall be disposed of by humane euthanization or adoption by the Animal Control Officer. The Animal Control Officer may euthanize by a humane manner any sick or injured animal which has been impounded without holding it for seven (7) days if its condition is such that euthanization is the most humane manner to dispose of the animal.

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