



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: **49.**

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MAY 19, 2010

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE: ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION AT THIS MEETING:

Bill No. 2010-19 Corrects an error in the mandatory spay-neuter ordinance to set the required age for spay/neuter procedures at four months rather than six. Proposed by: Bradford R. Jerbic, City Attorney

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Last November the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 6067, which, among other things, addressed the spaying or neutering of dogs and cats. The intent of the ordinance as discussed was to have the spay/neuter requirement apply to dogs and cats over four months old. The title and summary of the ordinance so indicated, but the operative provision in the body of the ordinance mistakenly indicated an age of six months rather than four. This bill corrects the error in order to effectuate the City Council's intent.

RECOMMENDATION:

ADOPTION at 5/19/2010 City Council meeting pursuant to 5/18/2010 Recommending Committee.

First Reading 5/5/2010; First Publication 5/9/2010

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2010-19

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC explained that this bill is a corrective measure to update the original bill, which will then conform to the City Council's original vote.

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JUNE INGRAM, Charleston Neighborhood Preservation, stated she spoke to some veterinarians, who informed her that pets should not be spayed/neutered until six months old; it is less dramatic for the animals and less expensive for their owners. She also had a letter from the Bower Animal Clinic who indicated the same.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN informed MS. INGRAM that she voted against neutering animals at the age of four months. However, the majority of the board and the majority of the people felt four months was adequate, so the bill will remain as approved.

COUNCILMAN ROSS pointed out that the veterinarian has the discretion to decide on whether the animal can be spayed/neutered at four months of age, but four months was preferred due to kittens being able to reproduce at that age. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN added that if an owner does not want to have this take place at four months of age, she can have the veterinarian write a letter indicating so.

Second reading and bill adopted as introduced as Ordinance No. 6094

