



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 6.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY  
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

Consent  Discussion

**SUBJECT:**

Bill No. 2012-8 - For Possible Action. Authorizes the City to treat certain animal-control violations as civil violations subject to a civil penalty rather than proceeding by means of a misdemeanor prosecution, and establishes procedures for the processing and disposition of notices of infraction regarding such violations. Sponsored by: Councilman Steven D. Ross

**Fiscal Impact**

- No Impact  Augmentation Required  
 Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

This bill will authorize the City to treat certain routine and relatively-minor types of animal-control violations as civil violations subject to a civil penalty rather than proceeding by means of a misdemeanor prosecution. It will establish procedures for the processing and disposition of notices of infraction regarding such violations, procedures similar to those used for parking violations. It is believed that better compliance and a speedier, more efficient outcome will result by proceeding civilly rather than by means of criminal prosecution.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Bill No. 2012-8
2. Business Impact Statement
3. Submitted at Meeting First Amendment by Val Steed

Motion made by BOB COFFIN to Approve as Do Pass as First Amendment

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

STAVROS S. ANTHONY, BOB COFFIN; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

By way of reading the item, COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing open.

DEPUTY CHIEF TIM SHATTLER, Deputy Detention and Enforcement Director, provided an overview of the bill.

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COUNCILMAN COFFIN received clarification that the Hearing Officer should be an attorney due to their background in the legal process and that the City pays for the Hearing Officer. DEPUTY CHIEF SHATTLER explained this requirement is a preference and not a necessity.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED reviewed the changes made in the first amendment.

JANA WRIGHT, Las Vegas resident, voiced concerns and stated that the bill is cumbersome. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED explained this may look cumbersome but it is far less so than the court system. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ORLANDO SANCHEZ concurred with DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED.

By way of reading the next item, COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing closed.

