

CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS MEETING AGENDA ITEM

NUMBER: 44.

SUBJECT:

Introduce Ordinance No. 3053, to Repeal and Replace Title 6 of the Municipal Code and to Repeal Ordinance Nos. 2417, 2418, 2522, 2528, 2716, 2717, 2754, 2798, and 2929; to Provide for the Transfer of Impounded Animals Owned or Possessed by Arrested and Detained Persons; to Provide for the Criminalization of Animal Neglect; to Require Adequate Shelter for Animals Kept Outdoors; to Require Shading and Secondary Cooling When the Temperature is Expected to Rise Above a Certain Level; and Providing for Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto. (Citywide) (Set Final for December 16, 2020)

REQUESTED BY:

Pamela Ojeda, Chief of Police

WARD:

Citywide

RECOMMENDATION OR RECOMMEND MOTION:

It is respectfully recommended that on December 2, 2020, the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 3053 and that on December 16, 2020, the City Council pass and adopt Ordinance No. 3053.

FISCAL IMPACT:

AMOUNT: None

EXPLANATION: N/A

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

N/A

STAFF COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City staff and City Council have received a number of complaints about incidents of animal abuse, animal neglect, and animal cruelty. Similarly, City staff frequently receives complaints about feeding of pigeons at residential properties resulting in roosting and lingering of wild pigeons, which poses a health hazard.

To address these problems, City staff has prepared Ordinance No. 3053 to amend Title 6 of the North Las Vegas Municipal Code. These amendments address a number of issues. First, they criminalize the failure to provide animals with food, water, or veterinary care for illness, injury, disease, or infirmity, and require that animals kept outdoors be provided adequate shelter. Second, these amendments deem it unlawful for any person to feed wild pigeons. Third, the amendments to Title 6 establish a mechanism for owners of impounded animals to request a hearing with the Municipal Court.

City staff believes these amendments are necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of animals in our community and to comply with the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Therefore, Staff recommends that City Council introduce, approve, and adopt Ordinance No. 3053.

CIP No.	Related Item:	
LIST CITY COUNCIL GOAL(S): Community Services and Cultural Amenities; Safe and Livable Community; Quality Municipal Services		
PREPARED BY:	Respectfully Submitted	MEETING DATE:
Pamela Ojeda Police Chief	Ryann Juden City Manager	12/2/2020