

Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Keith Robinson
Date: April 15, 2016
Subject: Modification to Animal Ordinances



Staff would like to propose to Council a modification to the Animal Ordinance, 5.4.020 Licensing, A. Licensing 3. License Period.

Which currently reads:

License Period. If not revoked, licenses for the keeping of dogs and cats shall be valid for a period of one year. Such a license may be renewed annually. The annual licensing period shall begin on June 1st.

With the current renewal period starting in June many citizens are confused or miss the renewal date because they are not thinking about a mid-year renewal. Further the license tag only reflects the year of issue so it is unclear which year the tag was issued for.

Modifying the ordinance now will have no financial impact on the community. Any tags currently issued are set to expire June 1st and have an expiration date stamp of 2015. Any new tags issued would have an expiration of 2016 and pet owners would only be charged for half a year. Prorating the license fee for half a year is already provided for in the fee schedule approved by Council for 2016.

Proposed wording:

License Period. If not revoked, licenses for the keeping of dogs and cats shall be valid for a period of one year. Such license will be renewed annually. The annual licensing period shall begin on January 1st.

A license issued prior to June 1, 2016 will expire May 31, 2016, with license issued after June 1, 2016 having the costs prorated for the remainder of the calendar year 2016 as per the city fee schedule.

Proposed wording has not been reviewed by City Attorney but is provided for Council input and discussion.