



Proposed Changes to Title 8

Public Works Department

Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee
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BACKGROUND

Since 1995, the City has contracted two major areas of service with the Riverside County Department of Animal Services:

1. Shelter Services – Current agreement terminates in 2035.
2. Field Services – Current agreement terminates on December 31, 2022.



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DISCUSSION

City and County staff have been negotiating terms of a new Field Services agreement, but need Committee input or direction on one specific item:

1. The County is requesting that the City of Riverside forego Title 8 in its entirety, in favor of adopting Ordinances 534, 560, 630, 716, 771 and 878 of the County of Riverside in their entirety.



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COUNTY ORDINANCES

The proposed County Ordinances includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Large animals at large
2. Low cost spay and neuter clinics
3. Keeping and control of dogs, cats and other animals
4. Seizure, impoundment and termination of ownership
5. Potentially dangerous and/or vicious animals
6. Abatement of noisy animals



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ANALYSIS OF OTHER CITIES

City staff reviewed the websites and municipal codes of 56 cities throughout Southern California.

# of Cities Reviewed	# of Cities that Contract out Services	# of Cities that Have Adopted Outside Ordinances
56	34	13*

*** All but one of the 13 cities included amendments or exceptions to the ordinance adoptions.**



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee:

1. Receive and file the report; and
2. Direct staff on how to proceed with the proposed Municipal Code changes to Title 8, Animals



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