



Chapter 6 Animals Proposed Updates & HB 870/SB 1987

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Chapter 6 Background

- Chapter 6 provides framework and polices for the regulation of the care and control of animals within City limits
- Last updated November 2020 (Ord. No. 20-2235)
- Updates requested bring Chapter 6 in line with industry standards and best practices to ensure community health and safety



Previous Action

- Council Work Session 12/05/2023. Direction provided:
 - Section 6-33 Commerce of Live Animals: remove proposed prohibition of retail pet stores from selling dogs or cats
 - Provide results of community input to Council
- Updates and final review by Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
 - January 10, 2024 and March 6, 2024 meetings



Public Input

- Overall support for proposed changes
- Desire some type of regulation of retail pet stores
- Would like to explore in the future
 - Mandatory Spay and Neuter
 - More public education and outreach

Meeting Date	Type	Attendance
January 11, 2024	In-person	7
February 1, 2024	In-person	15
February 13, 2024	Virtual	0
Comment/Response Forms Received		5



Chapter 6 Next Steps

- Requesting final feedback from Council on proposed changes
- Bring back to Council for adoption



Information on H.B. 870 & S.B. 1989

- During the Jan 9, 2024 council meeting discussion of ID 23-2423 (A pitch for a resolution to support legislation similar to HB870/SB1989), council members expressed a willingness to do so if they first had a brief worksession describing the aforementioned bills.
- **House Bill 870**
 - Introduced on December 2, 2023 - stalled in chamber
- **Senate Bill 1989**
 - Introduced on March 8, 2022 - stalled in chamber



H.B. 870 & S.B. 1989- Provisions

- Amend Title 6, Business & Commerce Code by adding Chapter 206. Sale of Dogs and Cat by Pet Stores
- **Sec 206.001 Definitions**
 - **"Animal Control Agency"** means a municipal or county animal control office, or a state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency, that collects, impounds, or keeps stray, homeless, abandoned, or unwanted animals.
 - **"Animal Rescue Organization"** means a nonprofit private organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a)...That accepts homeless or unwanted dogs or cats with the purpose of finding permanent homes for the dogs or cats, and that does not obtain dogs or cats from a breeder or animal seller for compensation.
 - **"Animal Shelter"** means a facility that collects, impounds, or keeps stray, homeless, abandoned, or unwanted dogs or cats.
 - **"Pet Store"** means a for-profit business that sells dogs or cats in a county with a population of 200,000 or more. The terms does not include an individual who sells, gives, or otherwise transfers dogs or cats raised, bred, or both by the individual.



- **Sec 206.002 Prohibition**

- A pet store may not sell a dog or cat unless the pet store obtained the dog or cat from:
 1. An animal control agency
 2. An animal shelter; or
 3. An animal rescue organization

- **Sec 206.003 Maintenance of Records**

- (a) Pet store must maintain records on the source of each animal
 - (b) Must make the records reasonably available for inspection



- **Sec 206.004 Public Posting**

- A pet store shall post on the animal's enclosure the name of the entity from which the pet store obtained the dog or cat

- **Sec 206.005 Civil Penalty**

- Civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$500 for each dog or cat sold in violation of that section



Questions?

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