



**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

June 26, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Dangerous Dogs and Vicious Animals  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Ron Young, Director of Public Works and Engineering  
**REFERENCE NO:** Ordinance No. 1957

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Consider the first and final reading of Ordinance No.1957 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Euless, Chapter 10, "Animals", Article I, "In General", Section 10-2, "Definitions" and amending Article III, "Care and Control", Sections 10-71, "Dogs or animals that attack persons or domestic animals" and 10-72, "Dangerous dogs" providing for the regulation of dangerous dogs and vicious animals.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Table the request
- Deny the request

**SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:**

The proposed amendment to Section 10-2 changes the definition of "Dangerous dog" and also expands the definition of "Vicious animal".

The proposed amendment to Section 10-71 provides a judicial procedure for the determination of a vicious animal by the municipal court, provides authority for animal control to impound a vicious animal, establishes violations, and provides a defense to prosecution.

The amendment to Section 10-72 provides a judicial procedure for the determination that a dog is dangerous through a hearing before the Municipal Court, establishes requirements for the owner of a dangerous dog, establishes violations, provides defense to prosecution and establishes the authority of animal control officers dealing with dangerous dogs.

Staff requests approval of Ordinance No. 1957 amending Sections 10-2, 10-71 and 10-72 of Chapter 10, "Animals" of the Code of Ordinances.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Revenue Sources:

Expenditure Accounts:

Budgeted Fiscal Year(s):

Estimated Expenditure:

Over/Under Projection By:

Other Comments:

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

- Ordinance No. 1957

**APPROVED BY:**

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office