



# Recommended Ordinance Revisions Chapter 7 Vicious and Restricted Dogs

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## Background

- Ordinance changes were made November 3, 2015
- Changes to Ordinance (Article VII) do not fully address egregious first time incidents with domestic animals and livestock
- A finding of Vicious Dog in some instances may be most appropriate for public safety
- Fees related to the enforcement of the ordinance will offset costs

# Recommendations

- Add definition of “severe injury to an animal”
- Amend definition of Vicious Dog to include a dog that has made a first time attack on another animal
- Add language clarifying Vicious Dog definition takes into account prior documented behavior

# Recommendations continued

- Require owner to notify County if moving or re-homing Restricted Dog
- Authorize hearing officer to order seizure if conditions are not met
- Impose new fees for costs in cases where dog is adjudicated to be a Restricted Dog

# Recommended Actions

- That the Board of Supervisors:
  - **Approve** the introduction of an Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article VIII on September 19, 2017
  - **Waive** full reading of the Ordinance
  - **Continue** the Ordinance for second reading on October 3, 2017
  - **Approve** the introduction of an Ordinance amending the Animal Services Fee Schedule on September 19, 2017
  - **Waive** full reading of the Ordinance
  - **Continue** the Ordinance for second reading on October 3, 2017
  - Determine above actions are organizational and administrative activities of government that are **not a project under CEQA**



# Questions?

