



Recommended Ordinance Revisions Chapter 7 Vicious and Restricted Dogs

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Background

- County Animal Services recommended ordinance changes November 3, 2015
- Changes to Article VII do not fully address egregious first time incidents with domestic animals and livestock
- Finding of Vicious Dog in some instances may be most appropriate for public safety

Recommendations

- Add definition of “severe injury to an animal”
- Amend definition of Vicious Dog to allow inclusion of a first time attack to another animal

Recommendations continued

- Add language clarifying vicious dog definition considers prior documented behavior
- Require owner to notify if moving or re-homing dog
- Authorize hearing officer to order seizure if conditions are not met

Recommended Actions

- That the Board of Supervisors:
 - **Approve** the introduction of an Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article VIII on July 11, 2017
 - **Waive** full reading of the Ordinance
 - **Continue** the Ordinance for second reading on July 18, 2017
 - Determine above actions are organizational and administrative activities of government that are **not a project under CEQA**



Questions?

