



ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

CHAPTER 5 ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATION AGENDA ITEM: 17

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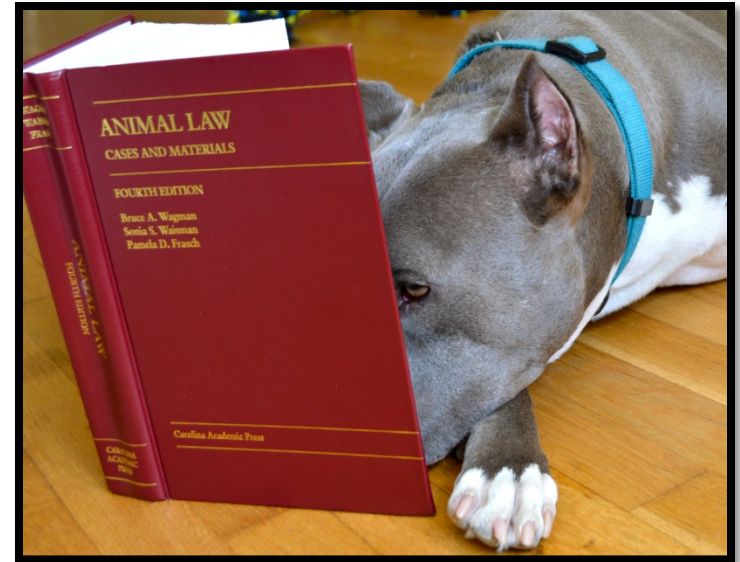
Chapter 5 of City Code

- Framework of humane laws and policies that protect both people and pets
 - Provide basic required standard of care for all pets
 - Provides enforcement authority for ACS
 - Establishes type and quantity of allowable pets



Chapter 5 of City Code (cont.)

- City Council unanimously approved major revisions in October 2017 that increased/improved:
 - Spay/neuter requirements
 - Tethering regulations for dogs
 - Impoundment authority
 - Animal limits for domesticated fowl
 - Dangerous dog designation requirements
 - Enforcement of animal related noise complaints
- Changes based on input from city residents, stakeholders, ACS Advisory Board, and City Council



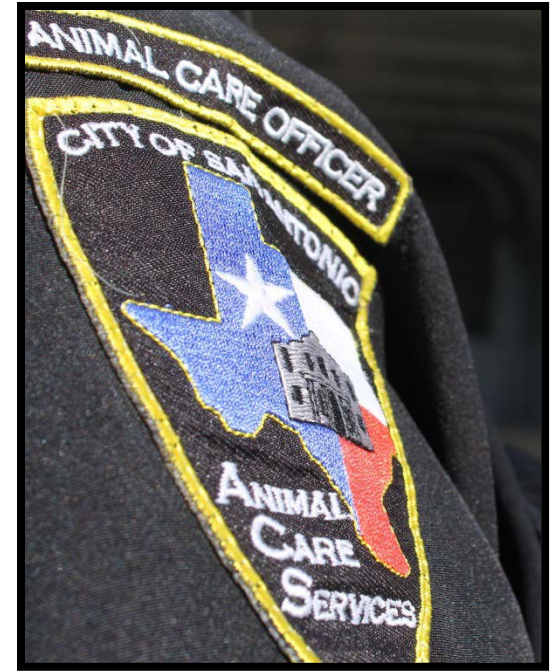
Chapter 5 of City Code (cont.)

- Code requires all pets to have access to:
 - Fresh air
 - Species-specific food
 - Fresh Water
 - Exercise
 - Shelter
 - Veterinary care when needed
- ACS escalates response to basic requirement violations when temperatures drop below 32° or during heat advisory warnings



Chapter 5 of City Code (cont.)

- Authority provided to enforce basic standard of care through the issuance of civil and criminal citations
 - Civil citations with \$300 financial penalty
 - Criminal citations with up to \$2,000 financial penalty and Class C misdemeanor designation
- Additional authority available to enforce any situation where the health of pet is determined to be at risk
 - Require veterinary care if pet found in distress, or
 - Seize pet if found in “exigent” condition



Recommended Code Change



- ❑ Recommend changing city code to include access to shade at all times as a standard care for all pets
- ❑ Proactive ordinance designed to reduce need for reactive response for animal in distress
- ❑ Includes the authority to issue civil and/or criminal citations





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