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To interested parties –

For your information, please find attached a revised draft of Title 17, Animal Control. These proposed revisions concerning animal care and control within the City of Tacoma will be reviewed and discussed at the Public Safety and Human Services Committee on Thursday, March 22 at 5:00pm in Room 708 of the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street. A notice about that meeting was previously sent out.

Below is a bulleted summary of the highlights of the proposed changes. If you have comments about the proposed amendments you are welcome to attend the committee meeting or contact the committee members or support staff.

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Should the committee adopt a “do pass” of the amendments at their meeting, the recommendations will be forwarded to the full Council for their review, discussion and consideration for adoption. The recommendations would likely be scheduled on the Council's regular meeting agenda some time in late April. The agenda for regular Council meetings is published every week and is easily accessible on the City's website or staff in the City Clerk's office or Mayor/Council/City Manager office can also help provide copies.

**Highlights of Current Draft of Animal Control Ordinance to be considered by Tacoma Public Safety and Human Services Committee on March 22, 2007**

**17.01.110 Mandatory spay/neuter for impounded dogs and cats –exception.**

Current ordinance remains in effect with one minor clarifying change as to owner's responsibility to pay fees.

**17.02.040 Confinement of female dogs and cats in heat.**

Current ordinance remains in effect

**17.02.041 Roosters prohibited**

Roosters prohibited in city; hens remain legal and subject to TMC 5.30

**Livestock Provisions**

Chapter 5.23 remains in effect; livestock regulations unchanged

**Chapter 17.04: Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs**

Largely the same as previous draft

Prohibits possession of dangerous dogs in City of Tacoma

**17.05.010 License required**

No change in maximum number of animals that may be owned

Clarifies that both dogs and cats count toward total of six animals

Does not distinguish between altered and unaltered animals

No provision requiring a “breeder’s” license

**17.05.012 Puppies and Kittens**

Prohibits selling or giving away puppies or kittens unless mother is licensed as unaltered animal

Defense to first offense if mother is thereafter altered

Does not apply to animal welfare organizations

**17.05.040 License fees.**

Public Safety Committee to consider changing fee structure, particularly as to unaltered animals; goal to have fee structure that encourages spay and neuter

**17.05.051 Impounding improperly licensed dogs and/or cats**

Authorizes animal control to impound improperly licensed animals same as earlier draft

## **17.06 PROBLEM PET OWNERS**

penalties for owners who repeatedly violate animal control provisions same as earlier draft