



Exhibit L

AGENDA ITEM STAFF ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: Bill #07-73 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 210, Republic City Code, Animal Regulations, Articles IV, Dangerous Dogs, Section 210.300 Defining Dangerous Dogs, By Amending the Language to Describe those Actions that Constitute Owning, Possessing, or Harboring a Dangerous Dog; By Amending Section 210.310, Owner Responsibility, By Clarifying Paragraph B; and By Amending Section 210.320, Euthanization of Certain Dogs Under Certain Conditions, Providing for Recovery of Costs Incurred by the City.

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Date: October 22, 2007

Issue Statement

The current dangerous dog ordinance is not as clear in some areas as it should be with regard to how the ordinances are to be applied and enforced.

Discussion and/or Analysis

As you will recall, a copy of this ordinance was provided to Council for review and comment on August 13 and the ordinance is being brought forward for action by Council. It became apparent when Denny's wife was injured by a dog that our ordinance was not clear with regard to the distinction between the administrative hearing process and the prosecution process. What the amendment will do is set forth two distinct processes. This will be helpful in cases where the evidence may not be strong enough to get a conviction beyond a reasonable doubt in a criminal proceeding but through the administrative process the evidence would be more than sufficient to show a dog is a danger to the community.

Recommended Action

Staff is asking Council to adopt the basic changes being proposed for this.