

## **REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

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**DATE:** February 4, 2020

**TITLE:** Consideration of Whether to Pursue a Dog Breeding Ordinance

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(at the direction of the City Council)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Consider whether to direct Staff to move forward with the process of preparing a Dog Breeding Ordinance.**

### **BACKGROUND**

At the January 21, 2020 City Council meeting, the Council agreed to place this item on the agenda for discussion purposes only.

### **DISCUSSION**

Under California Constitution Article XI, Section 7, the City's police power allows it to regulate animals in accordance with the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. Currently, the City prohibits the backyard breeding of dogs.

Staff has provided a DRAFT Ordinance that may be considered as a place from where to commence discussion of possibly allowing backyard dog breeding pursuant to stringent rules. Also, Staff would recommend that should Council desire to move forward with the process of moving an ordinance through hearing procedures, that the backyard breeding of dogs be done only in the following zones: 1) RE Residential Estates 2) RR Rural Residential, and 3) RL Residential Low.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

### **EXHIBITS**

- 1) Draft Ordinance
- 2) Several sample ordinances from other cities