



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: October 13, 2015

Title of Item: Dangerous Dog Animal Control Authority Delegation

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
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Submitted by: Nathan Burkett	Department: Administration
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Presenter (Name and Title):	Estimated Time Needed:
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Summary of Issue:

At the July 14, 2015 County Board meeting the Board discussed the Dangerous Dog Animal Control Authority Delegation and remanded it to the Ordinance Committee.

The attached memo contains language approved by the Ordinance Committee and County Attorney Jim Ratz.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Motion to approve General Operations Policy, Article X - Public Safety, Section A. Animal Control Authority, Dangerous Dog Hearing Officer, as outlined in the attached memo.

Financial Impact:


Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? Yes No Please Explain:

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TO: Ordinance Committee
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CC:
DATE: September 28, 2015
RE: Dangerous Dog Animal Control Authority Delegation

The following is the proposed policy to delegate responsibility for dangerous dog hearings as previously discussed:

General Operations, Article X – Public Safety

Section A. Animal Control Authority, Dangerous Dog Hearing Officer

- The Aitkin County Sheriff or designee shall serve as the Animal Control Authority for Aitkin County
- The Aitkin County Board delegates the duty of hearing officer under Minnesota Statute 347.541 Subd(4) to the County Administrator and two (2) Aitkin County Commissioners to be appointed by the County Administrator on a case by case basis.
- The County Administrator shall not appoint the County Commissioner who represents the district in which the dog's owner resides.

The decision of the hearing officer on a dangerous dog designation shall be the final appeal to Aitkin County, further appeals must be directed to the District Court.