

# COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Direction Regarding The Exotic Animal Portion Of The Animal Control Ordinances Of The Town of Payson

MEETING DATE: December 9, 2010

PAYSON GOAL: NEW: X EXISTING:

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: N/A

SUBMITTED BY: Donald B. Engler

AMOUNT BUDGETED: N/A

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA  
APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: N/A

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: N/A



EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached): A portion of the Town of Payson Ordinance 90.04; 90.17; 90.22

## POSSIBLE MOTION

I move to direct the Town Attorney's Office to prepare changes in Chapter 90 of the Town Code (Animals) (1) amending the definition of the term "Exotic Animal and (2) requiring that the health and safety of the animal as well as the public is demonstrated prior to the keeping of the exotic animal.

**SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION:** The Payson Police Department has become aware of situations within our community in which there are animals that could be considered exotic animals that are not clearly defined under our "Exotic Animal Ordinance definition" within the community. Furthermore, from these situations it has been determined that we need to include adequate care for the exotic animals that are within the town limits of Payson to insure that they are being treated humanely and cared for properly. It is also imperative that our Town Ordinances insure the safety of the public when in possession of or when in contact with, animals that could be considered exotic animals within our community. Therefore, the proposed changes to the Animal Control Ordinance (Chapter 90) will incorporate each of these areas and provide further direction and clarification.

**PROS:** The benefit of preparing these changes for the Animal Control Ordinance of the Town of Payson is the fact that we currently do have animals within the town limits which should be included in the exotic animal definition. The definition in the ordinance needs to be updated and clarified and inclusive of all species of exotic animals presently or in the foreseeable future that could be within the town limits. In addition, changes to the Town Ordinance which would require adequate care for these exotic animals within the town limits by insuring that they are treated in a humane and proper manner must be included. As a final note, it is imperative that we have in place Animal Control Ordinances that protect the public's safety when exotic animals are within the Town limits.

**CONS:** If we fail to enact and redefine the Animal Control Ordinances regarding exotic animals within the town limits, it will keep the Animal Control Division of the Payson Police Department from enforcing guidelines necessary to provide for the public safety as well as insuring that adequate care is provided to exotic animals within the town limits.

**PUBLIC INPUT (if any):**

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**BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):**

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**FUNDING:**

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