



Town of Yountville

6550 Yount Street
Yountville, CA 94599

Staff Report

Agenda Item #: {{section.number}}B

Yountville Town Council Staff Report

DATE: February 18, 2025

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Aaron Hecock, Planning & Building Director

PREPARED BY: Aaron Hecock, Planning & Building Director

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce and waive first reading of Ordinance Number 25-531 amending Section 6.04.010 and adding Section 6.04.100 of Chapter 6.04 of Title 6 of the Yountville Municipal Code regarding potentially dangerous and vicious animals and enforcement of same and finding the Ordinance exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

The Town incorporates by reference into the Yountville Municipal Code certain chapters of the Napa County Code related to “Animal Control Regulations,” including Chapter 6.04 of the Napa County Code, which specifies requirements for “Diseased and Vicious Animals.” A separate provision of the Napa County Code – Chapter 6.16 related to “Potentially Dangerous and Vicious Animals” – has been the topic of recent discussions and has not yet been incorporated by reference into the Yountville Municipal Code.

This Ordinance amends Section 6.04.010 of the Yountville Municipal Code to also incorporate by reference Chapter 6.16 of the Napa County Code, effectively adding this chapter of the Napa County Code as part of the Yountville Municipal Code to be enforced as any other municipal code violation. The Ordinance also specifies the specific enforcement actions the Town may take for violations of these chapters, including administrative enforcement through fines and penalties, nuisance abatement, criminal enforcement, and injunctive relief among others. A full copy of Chapter 6.16 of the Napa County Code is attached to this staff report for reference.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Exempt per California Environmental Act (CEQA) Guideline, Section 15061(b)(3).

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

Is it Currently Budgeted? Yes

Where is it Budgeted?

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Is there a Staff Resource Impact? Nominal

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Is item Identified in Strategic Plan? Yes

If yes, Identify Strategic Goal and Objective. **Quality of Life:** The Town enhances the livability of Yountville by providing well-maintained public facilities, parks, and trails, and quality programs and events.

Briefly Explain Relationship to Strategic Plan Goal and Objective. Implementing an Ordinance to address potentially dangerous and vicious animals enhances the livability of the Town for all residents.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No 25-531
2. Napa County Code Chapter 6.16