Location: Topeka Police Department, 320 S. Kansas Ave., LEC Classroom A
Date: September 28, 2017
Time: 4:30 p.m.

Attendance
Committee members Brendan Jensen (Chair), Sandra Clear, and Sylvia Ortiz, Lisa Robertson (Legal), Karan Thadani (Prosecution), Luther Ganieany (Legal), Lisa Pinkley (Animal Control).

1) Call to Order
Meeting was called to order by Councilmember Brendan Jensen.

2) Approval of Minutes
Minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting were approved.

3) Review and possible approval of recommended changes to TMC Title 6 “Animals”

6.05.010 (d) Definition of “At Large” – Staff is recommending deletion of a segment of this definition.

6.20.010 (h)(7)(iii) Dangerous Dog – staff is recommending deletion of a portion of this definition.

Councilmember Hiller asked staff to consider inserting language to better describe 6.05.010(bb) – Secure enclosure, to include “top and bottom”.

6.05.100(a) Cruelty to animals. Staff recommends insertion of the word “knowingly” to this definition to better assist prosecution of this statute.

At the July 20, 2017 meeting, the committee members asked staff to sub-section out numerous parts of 6.05.100. Staff brought those changes to review.

6.10.040 Surrender of animal carcass on demand. Councilmember Hiller suggested adding “or designee” to reference who is allowed to pick up deceased animals.

6.15.130 Notification of owner. Councilmember Hiller suggested the addition of electronic mail to the list of ways to notify owners of a pet’s impoundment. This suggestion was also made for other reference to 6.20.200 Notification of owner.

6.15.080 Obtaining permits after deadline. A change from 30 days to 20 days.

Councilmember Hiller had a concern regarding the reason for not having the animal spayed/neutered prior to releasing the pet to the owner. Lisa Pinkley and Lisa Robertson informed the committee that prior to adoption, the Humane Society
does require animals to be spayed/neutered. However, this is not a requirement to release an animal back to their owners.

6.15.170(a)(1)(ii) Confinement. Councilmember Hiller suggested adding “or holding facility” to sub-section 3 in regard to the location where a dangerous dog can be surrendered in order to allow for flexibility by Animal Control staff.

6.15.200 Specific requirements and restrictions. There was reference to the weight limit restrictions for mini pigs. The committee was at a standstill over what an appropriate maximum weight for a pig could be. The committee decided to leave the ordinance as written for now, with possible changes in the future.

6.05.060 (e) (vii) Service Monkeys. Staff is recommending removal of this section.

6.35.010 Restrictions applicable to domestic fowl; poultry. Staff is recommending measurement of setbacks from the property line as a tool for enforcing the 50 foot line.

6.30.030 Councilmember Hiller suggested removing current language referencing the environmental code services division, which is no longer a division. And replacing it with Animal Control.

6.35.050 Grazing in public prohibited. Councilmember Hiller recommended staff add language to the section to include “or government permission”. Legal staff will review this comment and make revisions.

Councilmember Ortiz asked staff for clarification in regard to the topic of pet owners to have the ability to produce the city tag upon request rather than requiring them to be fastened to the pet. Lisa Robertson suggested changing the language to say “shall be worn at all times, or the owner shall be able to produce upon request”.

Councilmember Ortiz inquired about the changes that were made, or if they were made to define what a suitable shelter with adequate ventilation was. Lisa Pinkley noted that some of these cases are situational and would require an animal control officer to inspect the shelter.

Discussion was had amongst committee members regarding taking miniature pigs ordinance out of the full Title 6 ordinance. Councilmember Ortiz stated she was uncomfortable with voting to approve the miniature pig ordinance, however was comfortable with the other recommendations to Title 6.

Councilmember Clear made a motion to send the updated Title 6 changes in its entirety to the Governing Body. Councilmember Jensen seconded that motion. Councilmember Ortiz voted in opposition. The motion passed 2:1 to go to the Governing Body.
4) Discussion on any other items before the Committee
Adjournment
None

The meeting was adjourned.

Video recording of this meeting can be found at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLAtzHRWomY