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MEMORANDUM 21-049

 TO: Mayor Donna Dodgen City of Seguin City Council Steve Parker, City Manager
FROM: Terry Nichols, Chief of Police
REF: Animal Services Ordinance Update – Prohibited Animals
DATE: September 27, 2021

In March of 2021, we recognized our Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 14 (Animals), Section 14-5 (Prohibited Animals) needed to be updated. We also recognized that we had no ordinances specifically addressing Performing Animal Exhibitions. Council provided direction at the time to examine our existing ordinances, receive input from the Seguin Animal Services Advisory Committee and return with any recommended changes.

The Advisory Committee met August 11th and September 15, 2021 to discuss possible updates to the ordinances. The Committee voted unanimously on September 15, 2021 to present the Council with the attached updated ordinances for consideration. In summary, the changes include:

- 1. Prohibits roosters,
- 2. Sets forth stringent requirements for Performing Animal Exhibitions (which would include circuses) including a permit requirement, and
- 3. Sets forth a \$200 permit free for Performing Animal Exhibitions (circuses and other commercial performances) and waiving the permit fee for the youth show, county fair, and Buck Fever.

Staff recommends approval of the Animal Services Advisory Committee's changes to the Seguin Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14.