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	Agenda Item No. 40 Roll Call No. <u>13-5400</u> Communication No. <u>13-016</u> Submitted by: Richard A. Clark, City Manager

AGENDA HEADING:

Amend the Section 18-196 of the Des Moines Municipal Code relating to the definition of a “dangerous animal.”

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of amending Ordinance Sec. 18-196 relating to the definition of a dangerous animal.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For the protection of domestic animals, staff has recommended amending the illegal and dangerous animal ordinance so that an animal is considered dangerous if it has attacked any domestic animal or fowl on three (3) or more separate occasions within its lifetime. The current ordinance states three (3) or more separate occasions within a 12-month period thus giving an attacking animal a clean slate every year. This amendment will allow an animal to attack another domestic animal or fowl three (3) separate occasions over its lifetime.

Staff has also recommended that any animal that kills any domestic animal while off of the property where the attacking animal is kept by its owner also be declared dangerous.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 10, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1437](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code regarding process and appeals for designation and handling of vicious dogs, and illegal and dangerous animals. Moved by Hensley that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Cownie.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

2nd and 3rd reading of the ordinance.

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