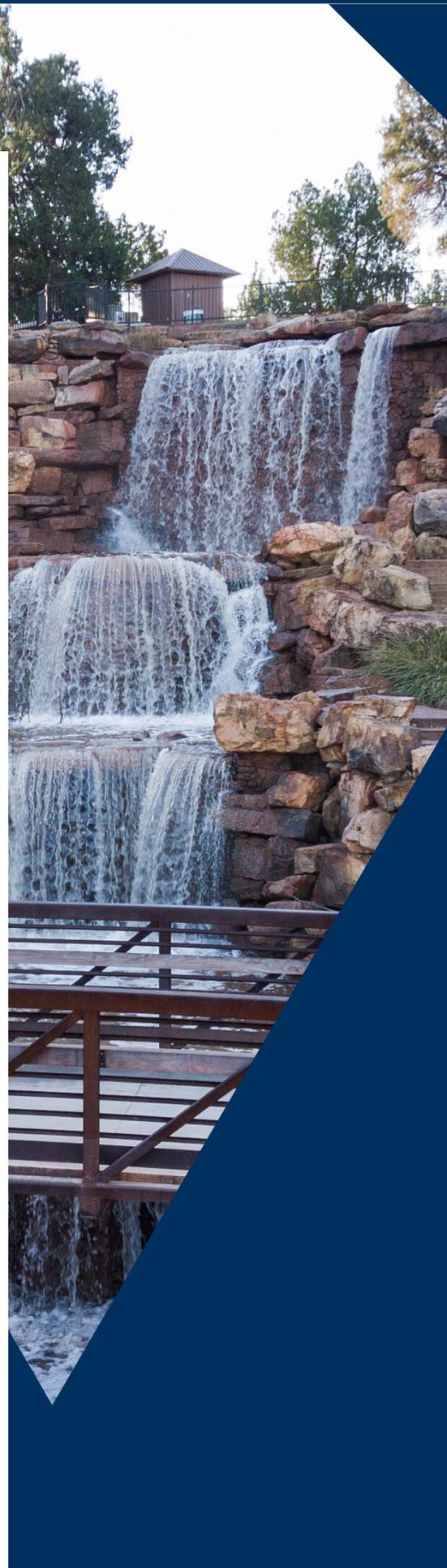


CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2019

For your convenience, below is a list of key points that pertain to the updated animal ordinance (full list of changes not included, only key highlights):

- Spay and Neuter/Micro-chipping: There is NOT a citywide mandatory spay and neuter at this time. Only animals that Animal Services comes in contact with will be required to be spayed or neutered. Micro-chipping is only required in the same instances where spay and neuter is required (animals at large, quarantined, deemed dangerous, feral cats as part of a colony or a non-member feral cat, owned cats allowed to free roam, animals included in a pet fancier permit and animals adopted from the Animal Services Center (ASC)).
- Owner Surrender: An appointment must be made with the ASC prior to surrendering so ASC can ensure all avenues are exhausted to keep the animal in the home if possible.
- Waste Removal: Individuals with animals in public spaces must have material in their possession to immediately, in a sanitary manner, remove the waste of their animal.
- Collars: All dogs and cats must wear collars with identification and rabies tags at all times. Cats must have breakaway collars to prevent strangulation if they become hung on an object.
- Livestock: No ordinance change, except the permit fee will be REDUCED if identification is provided, even though it is not required.



Key Permit Changes (Full list not included):

- The permit process has been re-organized to allow an individual to easily identify permits for either commercial or residential.
- Pot Bellied Pigs: ASC will no longer permit potbellied pigs. Individuals with current permits will be grandfathered and allowed to keep existing animals.
- Foster Home Permits: These permits were removed. Foster homes will be regulated by their respective rescue group. Rescue groups will provide a list of all approved fosters to the Health District.
- New Responsible Pet Ownership Program: An educational program designed to reduce repeat offenses of the ordinance and to provide better care for animals. Individuals will be able to attend the course to either have impound fees waived or reduced based on financial need.

In order to determine what changes to make, the Health Department held a series of stakeholder meetings with veterinarians, rescue groups, residential and commercial permit holders, feral cat caregivers, and dangerous dog license holders. Feedback was solicited from the general public via an online submittal form. An Animal Shelter Advisory Committee meeting was held August 30, 2019 where they unanimously approved the ordinance revisions. A Board of Health meeting was held September 13, 2019 where they unanimously voted to recommend the ordinance to City Council for approval. Last, more changes were made after feedback was given during the October 1, 2019 City Council meeting.

