



Meeting Date: 2/14/2011
Agenda Item: 6k

Mission Statement

Provide quality services in a modern, courteous and cost-efficient manner.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: President Burt McIntyre & Village Board of Trustees **REVIEWED BY:**
REPORT FROM: Monica Hoff-Animal Control/Humane Officer ASB
AGENDA ITEM: Review and Take Action on ordinance change relative to TNR program
ACTION REQUESTED: Ordinance Resolution Motion Receive/File

POLICY ISSUE

Does the Village Board want animal control ordinances to be consistent with ongoing programs?

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY VILLAGE BOARD

Staff recommends adoption of Village Ordinance 2011-6 as stated in the attachment.

POLICY ALTERNATIVE(S)

The Village Board could take the following action:

- Adopt change to animal ordinance.
- Do not adopt change.
- Table the item and request more information.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

Economic Vitality: Yes
Accountable/Efficient Gov't: Yes
Enhance Gov't Partnerships: Yes
Environmentally Friendly: Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN SYNOPSIS:

The Village ordinances will not conflict with the trap, neuter, return (TNR) program.

POLICY REFERENCE

Wisconsin Statutes: N/A
Howard Municipal Code: Sec 4-86
Policies & Procedure Manual: N/A

KEY METRIC SYNOPSIS
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FISCAL IMPACT:

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| 1. Is There A Fiscal Impact? | <u>No</u> |
| 2. Is it Currently Budgeted? | <u>n/a</u> |
| 3. If Budgeted, Which Line? | <u>n/a</u> |

FISCAL SYNOPSIS:

None

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Howard currently uses TNR (trap, neuter, return) to manage feral/semi-feral/barn cat populations. The program allows spayed and neutered feral/barn cats to remain in place. This is more effective in controlling the number of feral cats in the Village and is more cost effective, as it saves roughly \$90.00 per cat. Wording in the current ordinance conflicts with program procedures, since it refers to all cats being picked up by the animal control/humane officer or village police officers. The recommended change coordinates ordinances with the village TNR program.

ATTACHED INFORMATION

Proposed ordinance change

ORDINANCE 2011-6

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 4-86 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD FOR IMPOUNDMENT OF DOGS AND CATS

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN, HEREBY ORDAINS THAT SECTIONS 4-86 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD BE REPEALED AND RECREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Village Code Sec 4-86: Dog or Cat Subject to Impoundment.

The village animal control/humane officer or any village police officer shall attempt to capture and restrain any dog or cat running at large and any untagged dog or cat. **Feral, semi-feral and barn cats that are enrolled in a TNR program as evidenced by a tipped ear will be exempt from this section.**

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect retroactively to January 1, 2010 upon its adoption and publication.

Adopted this 14th day of February, 2011.

Burt R. McIntyre, Village President

ATTEST:

Robert Bartelt, Village Administrator/Clerk

Date of Publication: 2/18/11