

Midway City Council
19 April 2022
Regular Meeting

Animals on the Town Square /
Discussion



Memo

Date: 13 April 2022
To: Mayor, City Council and Staff
Cc: File
From: Brad Wilson, City Recorder
RE: Animals on the Town Square

Council Member Drury made the following comments at the 21 September 2021 council regular meeting:

- The Midway Boosters requested that the City enforce its law, prohibiting dogs on the Town Square, during the next Swiss Days.
- A dog sitter should be allowed so that dogs were not left in hot vehicles.
- Animal Control did not have the resources to police Swiss Days.
- Swiss Days volunteers should not have to enforce the law.
- Asked that an enforcement plan be considered at a council work meeting.

Animals on the Town Square will be discussed at the 19 April 2022 city council regular meeting. The following sections of the Municipal Code are the most relevant to the discussion:

Section 5.03.070(A)(5)

A. No person shall take, ride, drive or conduct into a park or upon any trail, any quadruped or other animal except the following:

1. Dogs that are under control of the person by a maximum six foot leash, chain, cable or suitable enclosure.
2. All dog owners will be responsible for cleaning up and properly depositing any waste left by their animals.
3. Horses that are being used for carriage rides pursuant to a permit issued by the City.
4. Such other animals as shall be permitted under the direction of the City.
5. No animals of any kind will be allowed on the Town Square except as permitted under the direction of the City.

Section 6.04.010(B)

B. Dogs Prohibited Where Notice Given. It shall be a class C misdemeanor for the owner or person having charge, care, custody or control of a dog to allow such dog to be present on a public park, trail, sidewalk, or gathering place where notice against such is given through the posting of signage by the

entity controlling such place. Persons who use specially trained dogs to assist them with hearing, mobility or sight shall be exempt from this Section.