

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
JUNE 17, 2014 AGENDA**

| Subject: | Type: | Submitted By: |
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| DISCUSSION: AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE; CHAPTER 95 ANIMALS | RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE ◆ DISCUSSION | BOB LAUSTEN POLICE CHIEF |

SYNOPSIS

This is a discussion item regarding feral cat colonies and caretaker permits.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

BACKGROUND

The police department was contacted by a resident who lives on Brentwood Drive in Val Vista whose property backs up to the railroad tracks. She has been feeding a group of feral cats for the past two years. "Feline Friendz" (a volunteer cat rescue organization) assisted in getting the cats spayed and neutered along with working to find homes for the feral cats. There has been a call from another resident complaining about the cat colony and the feeding of the cats.

The city of Omaha, and most recently Bellevue (Feb 2014), with the assistance of the Nebraska Humane Society, have passed feral cat ordinances to regulate the issue. This agenda item will include an explanation from the Nebraska Humane Society of what feral cat and feral cat colonies are and a recommendation on how to address the situation.