

**COLVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
BRIEFING SHEET**

Meeting Date: September 11, 2018

Contact: Logan Worley

Topic or Problem Statement: An ordinance addressing rabies quarantine for dogs that bite or break a person's skin.

Type of Briefing:

Information Only Discussion Only Decision Needed

Background of Situation:

This is the update to the ordinance as it existed prior to its removal from the Colville Municipal Code. An update was necessary because the local veterinary clinic no longer was willing to quarantine dogs. This ordinance sets forth a plan to deal with Dogs that could possibly be rabid, and that allows us to recoup costs. Funding was approved in the budget in 2017 for the 2018 budget.

Goals and Objectives: i.e., CFP, Comprehensive Plan, Safety, etc.

Safety

Evaluate Alternatives or Options/Consequences of Inaction:

Not having an ordinance addressing rabies quarantine may cost the city more in quarantine and evaluation costs for dogs that the city picks up.

Funding Needed and Recommended Source (BARS #):

It was funded in 2017 for 2018, in an amount of \$6,000.

Attachments:

Recommended Action with Justification:

Adopt the Ordinance to quarantine Dogs that could possibly be rabid because the alternative with the health district would be higher costs. This also allows us to recoup costs if an owner comes forward.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ N.S.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLVILLE,
WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW SECTION TO THE COLVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE
AS SECTION 6.04.140, REGARDING QUARANTINE FOR DOGS TO CHECK FOR
RABIES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Colville will be benefited by having an ordinance setting forth the process to deal with Dogs that have bitten, scratched, or broken a person's skin, and could have rabies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colville has a rabies quarantine facility at the animal shelter.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Colville, Washington does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1

A new section is added to the Colville Municipal Code as section 6.04.140, and reads as follows:

6.04.140 Quarantine – Bite, Scratch, or Breaks Skin – Check for rabies.

- A. Any dog which bites, scratches, or otherwise breaks the skin, of any person, shall be quarantined for a period of 10 days. During quarantine the dog shall be securely confined and kept from contact with any other animal. The chief of police shall require the confinement and the owner shall surrender the animal for the quarantine period, at the owner's expense, in a veterinary hospital or the Colville Animal Shelter. If a veterinarian diagnoses rabies in an animal in quarantine, then the animal shall be humanely destroyed and the head of the animal sent to a laboratory for pathological examination and confirmation of the diagnosis.
- B. Any dog without any form of identification and without an apparent owner which bites, scratches, or breaks the skin, of any person, may be euthanized at the discretion of the chief of police or other officer, and the head of said animal shall be sent to a laboratory for pathological examination. If any owner comes forward, the owner shall bear the expense of euthanasia and for the pathological examination.
- C. Pursuant to Washington State Department of Health regulations, any hybrid which bites a person shall be euthanized and the head of said animal sent to a laboratory for pathological examination at the owner's expense.

SECTION 2

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days from its passage, approval and publication.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Colville, Washington the ____ day of _____, 2018.

Mayor Louis F. Janke

Attest: _____
Holly Pannell, MMC, PFO
City Clerk/Human Resources Manager

Approved as to form:

City Attorneys McGrane & Schuerman

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