AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Tim Wymes, Community Development Director
DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2018
RE: Discussion on City Cat Problem and Possible Ordinance Revising

Please find the attached handout on the topic of cat facts facing the City of Cameron. The intent of the handout is to inform City Council of an ongoing cat issue that many other municipalities are facing. The purpose of the handout is to provide some input on what and how other cities enforces adopted animal ordinances. Others cities require the same accountability for both cats and dogs from their owners. Currently the City of Cameron does not require the licensing of any cats.

The current animal ordinances for the City of Cameron are more concentrated on dog ownership more so than the ownership of cats. Animal ordinances are put in place to protect the citizens in local communities from being a public nuisance. Pet ownership is a responsibility that goes beyond the home where the pet resides. Pet owners are responsible for providing the basic necessities and following the animal ordinance in place.

Recommendation: Staff is recommending that the animal ordinance be enforced equally on cats and dogs.