

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 18

DATE: July 1, 2008

STAFF: Ted Shepard

SUBJECT

Postponement of Second Reading of Ordinance No. 072, 2008, Amending Section 5.1.2 of the Land Use Code Pertaining to the Definition of Farm Animals and Amending Section 4-117 of the City Code Pertaining to Chickens to September 2, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends postponement of the adoption of this Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, adopted on First Reading by a vote of 5-2 (Nays: Brown, Troxell) amends Section 5.1.2 which is the definition of "Farm Animals." The effect of the change would allow up to six chicken hens in all zones of the City. Chickens are presently included in the definition and, therefore, are allowed only in the zones which allow Farm Animals (RUL, UE, RF).

Staff is requesting a postponement of Second Reading of this Ordinance to September 2, 2008, to provide more time to address issues that have been raised by Council and citizens. Some issues that are being addressed include a potential permit process for having hens, deciding who would provide enforcement, air quality, economic impacts, human health concerns, exterior property maintenance code and potential predator increases in city limits. Staff is coordinating with Police, Natural Resources and other groups to address these issues.