

Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Apr 14, 2026 - Bryan City Council Second Regular Meeting
Category	5. Consent (Automatic Approval) Agenda - This agenda consists of ministerial or "housekeeping" items required by law such as routine bids, contracts, purchases, and resolutions. Items may be removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration at the request of two Councilmembers.
Subject	G. Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – "Animals" of the Bryan Code of Ordinances to revise Article IV - Livestock, Fowl, and Other Agricultural Animals, to require ferrets to obtain a Brazos County Pet License aligning City regulations with current Brazos County licensing requirements
Type	Action (Consent)
Preferred Date	Apr 14, 2026
Absolute Date	Apr 14, 2026
Fiscal Impact	No
Budgeted	No
Budget Source	N/A
Goals	Public Safety

Summary:

Currently, the City of Bryan Code of Ordinances, Section 10-136, "Ferrets," does not require these animals to be licensed (i.e., have a Brazos County Pet Tag). This omission creates inconsistencies between City ordinances, State law, and Brazos County pet licensing requirements. Ferrets are recognized as domestic animals that require rabies vaccinations similar to cats and dogs, particularly for rabies control and public health and safety.

Below is summary of the proposed ordinance changes:

Article IV, Livestock, Fowl, and Other Agricultural Animals

Sec. 10-136. Ferrets

- (b) Updated to require ferrets to be licensed (Brazos County Pet Tag), consistent with existing requirements for dogs and cats

This proposed ordinance amendment impacts the current licensing program by aligning City regulations with existing State law and Brazos County requirements, promoting consistency in regulation, compliance, and enforcement.

Staff Analysis and Recommendation:

Revising Section 10-136 "Ferrets" clarifies licensing requirements for ferrets within the city limits. This added consistency improves compliance, supports public health and safety, and assists Animal Control with enforcement and pet identification efforts. Staff recommends approving the proposed ordinance amendment as presented to align City code with State law and Brazos County pet licensing requirements, promoting consistent regulation and enforcement.

Options:

1. Approve the proposed ordinance amendment
2. Approve the proposed ordinance amendment with modifications, which may require consideration at a future City Council meeting
3. Do not approve the proposed ordinance amendment and provide direction to staff

Attachments:

1. Clean Proposed Ordinance Amendment

2. Redline Proposed Ordinance Amendment

[5G - Ord License for Ferrets_clean 2-25-26.pdf \(119 KB\)](#)