



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 18-0188 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Pest Infestation Ordinance
Type: Agenda Item **Status:** Held in Council
File created: 4/5/2018 **In control:** Development Services
On agenda: 4/24/2018 **Final action:** 4/24/2018
Title: Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled "Health and Sanitation" by amending Section 54-32 to prohibit property conditions that cause pest infestation (Director of Planning and Development)

Sponsors:

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments: 1. Data Sheet, 2. Proposed Ordinance

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
4/24/2018	1	City Council	Postponed	Pass

Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled "Health and Sanitation" by amending Section 54-32 to prohibit property conditions that cause pest infestation (Director of Planning and Development)

Approval of this ordinance with amend Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled "Health and Sanitation" by amending Section 54-32 to prohibit property conditions that cause pest infestation.

Project Timeline:

March 2, 2018 - Code Compliance was transferred a phone complaint from Animal Control regarding a pest infestation. It was revealed that neither Animal Control nor Code Compliance had an ordinance to address pest harborage, therefore a citation was not issued.

March 6, 2018 - Code Compliance met with the League City Police Department and Animal Control to discuss the issue. It was confirmed that there was not a City ordinance to address pest infestation issues and a meeting was scheduled to discuss a new ordinance on April 5, 2018.

April 5, 2018 - A meeting with City staff was held to discuss a new ordinance. In attendance were: Chief Ratliff and Assistant Chief Spencer of the League City Police Department; Deputy City Attorney Michelle Villarreal; Animal Services Manager Kim Schoolcraft; and Neighborhood Services Manager Frank LeBlanc, and Senior Code Compliance Officer Mary Contreras. A consensus was reached at the meeting for the Legal Department to craft an amendment to Section 54-32 of the City Code to address pest harborage and infestation within the City and for Code Compliance to be responsible for enforcement of said ordinance.

Project Summary:

The proposed regulations will allow Code Compliance to address property conditions that may attract or harbor pests. The proposed ordinance designates responsible parties by ownership and occupancy type and provides pest elimination measures. This amendment will replace the current section 54-32, entitled "Accumulations of unwholesome matter". The current section entitled "Accumulations of unwholesome matter" is a redundant section because such violations are already addressed in section 54-33, entitled "Accumulations of rubbish or growth of weeds". Staff recommends approval of this ordinance amendment.

Attachments:

1. Data Sheet
2. Proposed Ordinance

CONTRACT ORIGINATION: N/A

FUNDING

NOT APPLICABLE

Funds are available from Account # _____

Requires Budget Amendment to transfer from Account # _____ to Account # _____