

CITY OF MONTGOMERY
PRESS RELEASE

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The City Council of Montgomery is asking for citizen opinions to potential changes to the City's animal ordinance. Currently, animal control within the City limits is Texas state law which includes requiring rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats and prohibiting animals from roaming freely outside the owner's fenced property. Montgomery County Animal Control coordinates and at no charge picks up and houses stray animals and enforces virtually all other animal related state law violations.

The City Council is now considering a more comprehensive approach which includes adding animal care standards, more restrictive limitations of the number of specific animals (such as cattle, horses, sheep and pigs) based upon the property size (1.5 acres for the first animal, 1.0 acres for additional animals) with exemptions for 4-H and FFA projects. The ordinance would also stop the roadside sale of animals, and provides guidelines for the types of allowable restraints/tethering use for dogs, and adds dangerous dog enforcement options. The expanded ordinance would require more administration from city staff and would not require any additional employees.

The ordinance would not be applicable to properties 5 acres or more. There is an exemption for rodeos, roping and calf wrestling or other such type of special activities that would include the Lone Star Cowboy Church events that are held periodically throughout the year.

The City Council would like citizen opinions about the expanded ordinance. The draft ordinance is on the City website at montgomerytexas.gov. The ordinance will be discussed at the December 11th City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Citizens may come to that meeting or may contact City Secretary Susan Hensley by email at: sjensley@ci.montgomery.tx.us, or Mayor Sara Countryman at scountryman@ci.montgomery.tx.us or City Administrator Jack Yates at jyates@ci.montgomery.tx.us or by writing a letter to the City c/o Jack Yates at

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