



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Public Safety Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Animal Care Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Jonathan Gary

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide|District 7

### **SUBJECT:**

Briefing and possible action on a City Council Consideration Request (CCR) to consider changes to the handling of wild peafowl.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Animal Care Services Department will present a briefing to the Public Safety Committee to address requests from a City Council Consideration Request (CCR) regarding wild peafowl population management and protection. This briefing will allow an opportunity for input from Committee members.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On March 11, 2024, Councilwoman Marina Alderete Gavito submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) requesting City Staff consider a Bird Sanctuary designation for the city of San Antonio. This CCR outlines actions associated with the handling of protected bird populations and a specified fine for violations. In addition, the CCR addresses the establishment of a new

ordinance specific to wild peafowl.

Animal Care Services (ACS) and Parks & Recreation presented to the Public Safety Committee on September 17, 2024 to brief the Committee on San Antonio's Bird City Texas designation, as well as existing local protections in place for wild peafowl. ACS recommended hosting public meetings to garner feedback from stakeholders impacted by wild peafowl and presenting feedback to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board.

On February 25, 2025 District 7 and ACS hosted a townhall at the Bob Ross Senior Center to gather feedback from residents from neighborhoods where peafowl are prevalent. On March 19, 2025, ACS presented the issue to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board for input.

**ISSUE:**

After gathering feedback from the public, the Advisory Board, and the Council Office, ACS is proposing to stabilize the peafowl population, as well as establish a peafowl management plan to promote co-existence with peafowl in impacted neighborhoods. The plan includes:

- Educational campaign on co-existence and humane trapping
- Census count, monitoring, and stabilization of the peafowl population
- Chapter 5 updates to prohibit the release of peafowl within the City

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Not applicable.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends moving forward with changes to Chapter 5 of the City Code to prohibit the release of peafowl within the City. Staff also recommends educating the public on co-existing with wild peafowl and establishing a population management plan.