



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Municipal Court Advisory Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney's Office

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Andy Segovia

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Trying Animal Cases under the Tex. Health & Safety Code

**SUMMARY:**

An overview of applicable law and how the San Antonio Municipal Court handles cases involving either cruelty to animals or individuals seriously injured by canines.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Animal-related statutes can be found in various places, including the Parks and Wildlife Code, Local Government Code, Penal Code, Occupation Code, Transportation Code (all state law), and, of course, our City of San Antonio Municipal Code.

Today, we'll discuss how to handle cases under the Texas Health and Safety Code, focusing on two types: incidents involving individuals seriously injured or killed by a canine, and cases of cruelty toward animals.

**ISSUE:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** N/A