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Title: Discussion and action directing the City Manager and City Attorney to develop an amendment to Title 7 to ban surgical procedures on domestic animals with no medical necessity, including aesthetic procedures such as cosmetic caudectomy (commonly known as “tail docking”) and cosmetic otoplasty (commonly known as “ear cropping”) as well as other elective functional alterations for owner convenience such as onychectomy (also known as partial digital amputation or commonly “declawing”) and ventriculocordectomy (also known as devocalization or commonly “debarking” or “demeowing”);

and further directing that this amendment shall be constructed so as not to ban procedures such as spay/neuter or minor ear clipping related to a sanctioned Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program;

and further directing that proposed amendments be presented to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee for their recommendation, and that staff return to the City Council with a draft amendment and recommendations within 90 days.

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