
**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
New Item for Review and Consideration**

Meeting Date: 03/29/2016
Agenda Item: 4B3

Issue Description: Revise code Sec. 6-31 to add removal of animal defecation from all public areas.

Presented by: Councilmember Granville

What are you looking to accomplish? Encourage responsible pet ownership and raise community health and appearance standards.

Background Information: Complaints often come in from residents about the problem of pet owners not cleaning up after their animals defecate on city right-of-ways. Our code currently requires that pet owners clean up after their animals in public parks and school grounds, which adds to our quality of life. This change would further preserve our quality of life and raise community health and appearance standards.

Sec. 6-31. Removal of animal defecation from public parks and school grounds.

- (a) An owner or person having custody of any dog or any other animal shall not permit said dog or any other animal to defecate on any school ground or public park, unless said defecation is removed immediately.
- (b) Animal defecation which is removed from a school ground or public park may be deposited in a garbage receptacle upon such school ground or public park if the defecation is first placed in a sealed plastic bag.
- (Ord. No. 87.21, § 1, 7-9-87)

What stakeholders should be engaged with this process? Neighborhood Advisory Commission, Police Department

Anticipated Timeframe and Staff Resources: Estimate of time and staff resources is 6-8 hours.

The Tempe City Council is committed to:

- 1. Ensuring a safe and secure community through a commitment to public safety and justice.*
- 2. Developing and maintaining a strong community connection by emphasizing the importance of open government, customer service and communication with community members.*
- 3. Enhancing the quality of life for all Tempe residents and workers through investment in neighborhoods, parks, the arts, human services, and city amenities, with an emphasis on equity and diversity.*
- 4. Implementing sustainable growth and development strategies, including improving Tempe's public transit system to meet future needs, by actively seeking innovative technologies and leading the way in creating a more sustainable community.*
- 5. Maintaining long term financial stability and vitality by focusing on economic development, business retention and generating employment to create a robust and diverse economic base.*