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**CITY OF TEMPE  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 06/09/2016  
Agenda Item: 6B2**

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**ACTION:** Introduce and hold the first public hearing to adopt an ordinance to amend the Tempe City Code, Sec. 6-31, Dogs, Cats, Etc., Generally, relating to the removal of animal waste. The second and final public hearing is scheduled for June 23, 2016. (Ordinance No. O2016.36)

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact to the City.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Ordinance O2016.36.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The revised ordinance will expand the responsibilities of those owning or in custody of pets to remove animal defecation from public parks and school grounds to include public streets, alleys, gutters, sidewalks, and rights-of-way.

Complaints have been received from residents about pet owners not cleaning up after their animals defecate on City right-of-ways and private property. A Committee of the Whole working group was authorized to review the issue and found that the Tempe City Code requires that pet owners clean up after their animals in public parks and on school grounds. Expanding the obligation to clean up after any animal to those owning or in custody of an animal will serve to reduce hazardous waste, and address public health, safety and welfare concerns, and will also enhance the community's quality of life and appearance standards. The working group recommended revising the Code to reflect this change.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Ordinance

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