



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Michelle Greene, City Manager
CONTACT: Dana Grossi, Management Analyst
SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting California Ballot Proposition 12: Farm Animal Confinement Initiative

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider adoption of Resolution 18-__ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Supporting Proposition 12, Farm Animal Confinement Initiative."

BACKGROUND:

Proposition 12, the "Farm Animal Confinement Initiative," is an upcoming ballot initiative for the November 6, 2018 election. This proposition would ban the sale of meat and eggs from calves raised for veal, breeding pigs, and egg-laying hens confined in areas below a specific number of square feet. California voters passed a similar initiative in 2008, titled Proposition 2, which was developed by the Humane Society to ban the confinement of pregnant pigs, calves raised for veal, and egg-laying hens in a manner that did not allow them to turn around freely, lie down, stand up, or fully extend their limbs. However, Proposition 2 did not include specific square footage requirements in its definition of prohibited confinement. In this way, Proposition 12 proposes to expand upon the protections in place as a result of the passage of Proposition 2.

The purpose of this item is for the City Council to consider adoption of the proposed resolution in support of Proposition 12 Councilmember Richards and Mayor Perotte asked that staff put this item on Council's agenda for consideration.

DISCUSSION:

Proposition 12 proposes to repeal and replace the existing confined space size restriction prohibitions that resulted from the passage of Proposition 2 by adding definition to the acceptable sizes for confined areas. The following sales square footage bans are proposed:

- Whole veal meat from a calf (young domestic cow) confined in an area with less than 43 square feet of usable floor space per calf;

- Whole pork meat from a breeding pig or the immediate offspring of a breeding pig confined in an area with less than 24 square feet of usable floor space per pig; and
- Shell eggs and liquid eggs from an egg-laying hen (chicken, turkey, duck, goose, or guinea fowl) confined in area with less than 1 square foot of usable floor space per hen

In addition to the above proposed bans, Proposition 12 would require producers to confine egg-laying hens in cage-free housing systems based on the United Egg Producers' 2017 cage-free guidelines. The Humane Society is a strong supporter of Proposition 12.

Staff are recommending that City Council consider adoption of Resolution 18-__ (Attachment 1). The City of Goleta's 2018 Legislative Platform contains a provision that the City supports legislation that increases the penalties for animal abuse.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this Resolution.

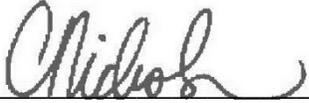
ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may choose to forego adoption of this Resolution supporting Proposition 6. However, this alternative would be contradictory to the policy guidance provided through the City's Legislative Platform.

Reviewed By:

Legal Review By:

Approved By:


 Carmen Nichols
 Deputy City Manager


 Michael Jenkins
 City Attorney


 Michelle Greene
 City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 18-__ Supporting Proposition 12: Farm Animal Confinement Initiative

ATTACHMENT 1

Resolution 18-__ Supporting Proposition 12: Farm Animal Containment Initiative

RESOLUTION NO. 18-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 12,
FARM ANIMAL CONFINEMENT INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, in 2008, a California ballot initiative titled Proposition 2 was passed by the voters to ban the confinement of pregnant pigs, calves raised for veal, and egg-laying hens in a manner that did not allow them to turn around freely, lie down, stand up, or fully extend their limbs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2 did not provide specific square footage requirements in its definition of prohibited confinement; and

WHEREAS, a California ballot initiative planned for the November 6, 2018 election entitled Proposition 12, "Farm Animal Confinement Initiative," is being proposed as an expansion of the protections passed in 2008 through Proposition 2, by banning the sale of meat and eggs from calves raised for veal, breeding pigs, and egg-laying hens confined in areas below a specific number of square feet; and

WHEREAS, if passed by the voters on November 6, 2018, Proposition 12 would be implemented by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Public Health, with fines of up to \$1,000 issued for violations of the initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta's (City's) Legislative Platform calls for the support of legislation that increases the penalties for animal abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Supports and endorses Proposition 12 on the November 6, 2018 statewide ballot, and hereby adopts this resolution on the 16th day of October, 2018.

SECTION 2.
The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of October, 2018.

PAULA PEROTTE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

MICHAEL JENKINS
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 18-__ was duly adopted
by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the __ day
of _____, 2018 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK