



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Jones and Members of the Board

FROM: Karen Proctor, Town Administrator

DATE: August 6, 2020

RE: Municipal Code Section 7-1-120(7)(e) Rodents

### DISCUSSION:

At the last Board meeting held on July 16, 2020 there was discussion on a proposed Ordinance to amend Municipal Code section 7-1-120(7)(e) Rodents that states: "It is deemed a nuisance to allow any moles, voles, mice, rats, squirrels, skunks, rabbits, prairie dogs, gophers or groundhogs to infest any real property within the Town so as to encroach upon or cause damage to the property of another." The Board voted to revise this Code section to state that it is a nuisance to allow any prairie dogs on a property.

Since the last meeting, many Board members have received feedback from their constituents regarding this change; in addition, there has been a lot of discussion on Nextdoor. Also, many of the Board members have been doing more research on Prairie Dogs. It is important that the Board fully vet this change. Therefore, the public hearing has been postponed and further discussion will be held this evening.

Below are links to some information on prairie dogs. This list is not intended to be all inclusive and presents a variety of information. Staff encourages each Board member to do additional research as necessary to provide valuable input to the Board discussion.

[https://pdf.wildearthguardians.org/site/DocServer/Prairie\\_Dog\\_Guidance\\_-\\_Prairie\\_Dog\\_Barriers\\_Overview.pdf](https://pdf.wildearthguardians.org/site/DocServer/Prairie_Dog_Guidance_-_Prairie_Dog_Barriers_Overview.pdf)

[https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/747/documents/Natural\\_Areas/wildlife/prairie-dog-info.pdf](https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/747/documents/Natural_Areas/wildlife/prairie-dog-info.pdf)

<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/SOC-Black-tailedPrairieDog.aspx>

<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/SOC-Black-tailedPrairieDogRelocationFacts.aspx>

<https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/natural-resources/managing-prairie-dogs-6-506/>

<https://www.humanesociety.org/sites/default/files/docs/prairie-dogs-and-plague.pdf>

<https://habitatharmony.org/>

<https://www.nps.gov/scbl/planyourvisit/upload/Prairie-Dogs.pdf>

[https://pdf.wildearthguardians.org/site/DocServer/Attachment1\\_Barriers.pdf](https://pdf.wildearthguardians.org/site/DocServer/Attachment1_Barriers.pdf)

<https://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/animals/mammal/cylu/all.html#:~:text=Black-tailed>