



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Khamis  
Councilmember Carrasco

**SUBJECT:** ~~AGENDA~~ ITEM 5.1 - WILD PIG  
DEPREDAATION ORDINANCE

**DATE:** January 23, 2015

**APPROVED:**

**DATE:** 01/23/15

## RECOMMENDATION

Approve staff recommendation to direct the Administration to return to City Council with a proposed ordinance to exempt from the current prohibition on the discharge of firearms under San Jose Municipal Code Section 10.32.010 a person who discharges a firearm to kill a wild pig in compliance with certain conditions.

## BACKGROUND

On November 5, 2013, the City Council approved a temporary, narrow exception to the City's prohibition on discharging a firearm to allow licensed trappers with a State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife depredation permit to discharge a firearm to dispatch wild pigs after they are trapped. During the past year, several pigs were trapped and put down in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance and without incident. The ordinance had been made temporary in order to allow enough time for Animal Services to evaluate the program and the outcomes, which they have done.

With the evaluation now complete, the City Council should proceed with making the ordinance permanent, as recommended in the report from staff, so that the residents of San Jose continue to have this important tool at their disposal to deal with the inevitable invasive wild pig incursions that will occur in the future. Since neither the County nor the State of California have depredation plans in place for the environmentally destructive, invasive pigs, we can expect their populations to continue to grow and for there to be further periodic wild pig incursions into residential neighborhoods within San Jose.