

**TOWN OF EMERALD ISLE
Board of Commissioners**



AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 11, 2016

Agenda Item #: 15

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Title: Coyote Management Program

Brief Summary:

The Board will consider a recommended program authorizing the trapping of coyotes on private property in Emerald Isle. A proposed ordinance amendment would authorize trapping by the property owner or a licensed trapper, and would require the use of "soft catch" traps that do not result in the death of the coyote (or another animal that may be accidentally trapped). Trappers would be required to report all activities to the Emerald Isle Police Department, and no euthanization of coyotes could occur within Emerald Isle (a trapper may ultimately choose to euthanize the coyote at a location outside of Emerald Isle or may offer it for sale to a legal hunting dog training facility). The Town would make available a list of licensed trappers interested in trapping in Emerald Isle whose methods would comply with the proposed ordinance, and property owners could easily make arrangements with these trappers for trapping activities on their property. The Board will also consider whether or not to conduct trapping activities on certain Town-owned properties.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 - Animals - of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Trapping of Coyotes.

Provide direction to Town staff regarding trapping activities on Town-owned properties.

BACKGROUND

Originating Department / Individual:

Jeff Waters, Police Chief
Evin Stanford, NC Wildlife Res Comm
Chris Kent, NC Wildlife Res Comm



Attachments:

- 1 Memo from Rush
- 2 Ordinance amendment
- 3 Trapper list
- 4 Memo from Waters
- 5 Coyote information
- 6 _____

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion By: _____

Carried: _____