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# Animal Ordinance Revisions

Animal Services  
March 5, 2019

# Overview

## Purpose for Ordinance Revisions:

- Reorganize and clarify for better comprehension
- Update definitions to remove outdated terminology and include modern language/practices
- Better adhere to State law
- Support community needs
- Promote best practices

## September 20<sup>th</sup>

- Presented proposed changes to ACAC

## October 18<sup>th</sup>

- Solicited public comment

## November 15<sup>th</sup>

- ACAC recommended proposed changes to City Council

# Summary of Key Changes

## **ARTICLE I. GENERAL**

### **Sec. 10-2 Enforcement: <Page 5>**

(d) Unlawful for animal or community caregivers to intentionally deceive or mislead ACO's

(e) The ability to banish an animal(s) after numerous nuisance complaints

### **Sec. 10-10 Animals creating a nuisance: <Page 8>**

- Update nuisance for barking/noise and unsanitary conditions that affect neighbors

# Summary of Key Changes

## ARTICLE II. DOGS AND CATS

### **Sec. 10-53 Nuisances: <Page 12>**

(d) Prohibits individuals who are not the caregiver to feed cat colonies

(e) Requires cat colonies to be relocated after substantial nuisance complaints

### **Sec. 10-54 Community Cats: <Page 12>**

(a) Clarifies procedures for community cats that are impounded for nuisance complaints

### **Sec. 10-57 Over 4 Permit: <Page 13>**

(c) Sets requirements for fees and inspections; ability for the City to waive these requirements under certain circumstances

# Summary of Key Changes

## **ARTICLE III. DANGEROUS DOGS AND INHUMANE TREATMENT**

### **Division 1. Dangerous Dogs: <Page 14>**

- Updates to the Division to better align with State law, clarifies hearing procedures and owner requirements, and organizes language so it is easier for citizens to follow

### **Sec. 10-92. Requirement for owner of dangerous dogs: <Page 16>**

- (a) Adds the requirement a dog must be microchipped and sterilized, if intact

# Summary of Key Changes

## **ARTICLE III. DANGEROUS DOGS AND INHUMANE TREATMENT (Continued)**

### **Division 2. Inhumane Treatment of Animals:**

#### **Sec. 10-103 Inhumane Treatment, generally: <Page 20>**

(b) Establishes the ability to issue citations based on pain/suffering, deprivation of food/vet care/shelter, and unreasonable confinement

#### **Sec. 10-104 Tethering: <Page 20>**

- Revisions based on State law, with staff recommendations

#### **Sec. 10-108 Animals left in vehicles: <Page 21>**

- Revisions include minimum confinement time, changes ambient temperature, and addresses the ability for staff to take action

#### **Sec. 10-110 Animals in trucks and trailers: <Page 21>**

- Illegal to transport animals in an open/flatbed truck, unless certain conditions are met (similar to COCS)

# Summary of Key Changes

## ARTICLE IV. LIVESTOCK, FOWL, AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS

### **Sec. 10-133 Keeping of livestock: <Page 22-23>**

- (a) Livestock can only be on property if allowed by zoning
- (c) Livestock cannot be on property without owner's permission
- (f) Exception for mini-pigs, provided requirements are met
- (g) Establishes process to deal with nuisance livestock seized and impounded
- (h) Only applicable within City limits

### **Sec. 10-134 Fowl: <Page 24>**

- (b) Update to regulate housing of chickens, setting limits from dwelling and neighbors
- (c) Roosters are not allowed within the City limits

# Summary of Key Changes

## ARTICLE IV. LIVESTOCK, FOWL, AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS (Continued)

### **Sec. 10-135 Rabbits: <Page 24>**

- New section to regulate rabbits (similar to COCS)

### **Sec. 10-136 Ferrets: <Page 24-25>**

- New section to regulate ferrets (similar to COCS)

### **Sec. 10-137 Beekeeping: <Page 25>**

- New section to regulate Beekeeping, set distance requirements, and nuisance abatement



# Council Options

- Approve all changes to the ordinance
- Approve the ordinance with modifications
- Remand to ACAC for further consideration
- Do not approve
  - Request additional information
  - Schedule another workshop to present those changes



Questions/Direction