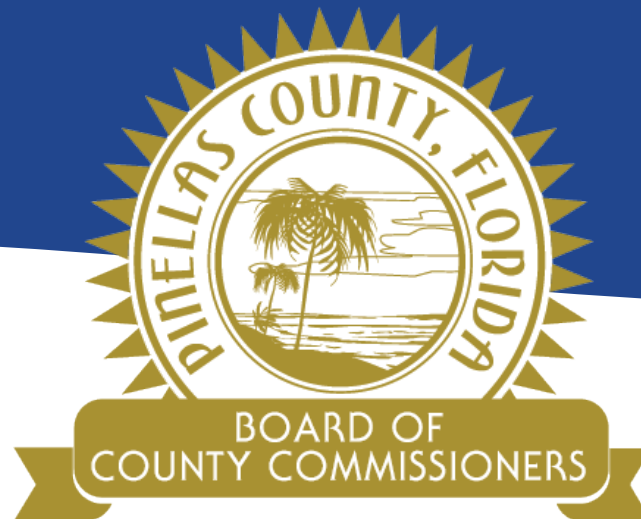


Proposed Chapter 14 Ordinance Recommendations

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Chapter 14 Revision Recommendations



Objective

- **Strengthen oversight of Retail Pet Sales to protect the animals in the county and the consumers purchasing them.**
- **Restore definitions unintentionally removed in previous revisions to clarify the meaning of terms within our current ordinance.**
- **Modify reporting method for Public Nuisance Animals to provide better service to our residents.**
- **Modern disaster impoundment practices to more quickly find animals forever homes and reduce unnecessary long-term stays at the shelter.**

14-29 Retail Pet Sales



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Retail Pet Sales Oversight (Section 14-29)

Inspection & Housing Updates:

- Increase unannounced permit Inspections from 1 to 2 annually
- Require minimum 50% solid flooring in puppy kennels



Retail Pet Sales Oversight (Section 14-29)

Protocols & Transparency

- **Require protocols for veterinary care, disaster plans, enrichment & sanitation**
- **Display Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) & Pet Lemon Law information on each kennel for consumer awareness**



Retail Pet Sales Oversight (Section 14-29)

Reporting Enhancements

- **Monthly point of sales & OCVIs uploaded digitally on county Sharepoint site**
- **Animal Transport List submission to department monthly**
- **Puppy deaths reported within 3 days; necropsy required if no veterinary care is provided**



Retail Pet Sales Oversight (Section 14-29)

Enforcement Authority Pertaining to Cruelty or Neglect Violations

- Citations can be written to maximum allowable fine (\$500)
- Immediate 7-day permit suspension for cruelty/neglect citations
- Officer follow-up within 3 business days
- Suspension renewable for additional 7 days for noncompliance or disease risk



Additional Chapter 14 Recommendations



14-26 Definitions

14-30 Public Nuisance Animal

14-48 Impoundment

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Definitions: Restore to Chapter 14-26

- **Feral Cat Colony Caretaker**
- **Humane Organization**
- **Humane or Humanely**
- **Private Animal Non-Profit Organization**
- **Removing voice & visual commands from the definition of Physical Control**
- **Quarantine**
- **Unsanitary Conditions**



New Definitions



New:

- **Photographic Documentation**
- **Video Documentation**

Public Nuisance Reporting Simplified (Section 14-30)



Current

- **Behavior must occur on two separate dates within a three-day period for more than one sustained period of 15 minutes over the course of 8 hours**
- **Two affidavits from two separate households are required to report**

Proposed

Remove complex timeframes

Allow single affidavit + video/photo documentation

Disaster Impoundment Modernization (Section 14-48)

- **Modernize Disaster Impoundment hold times based on proactive steps to Include pets in Pinellas County Disaster Plans**
- **Set a standard 14-day hold for all animals impounded during disasters vs. current 10-30 day hold times**
- **Eliminate 120-day Adoption Return Clause**



Thank you!



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