

OMB Granicus Review

Granicus Title	Proposed amendments to Chapter 14, Pinellas County Code-Restoration of Definitions, Enhancement of Retail Pet Sales Oversight, Modification of Public Nuisance Animal Reporting, and Modernization of Impoundment Protocols During Emergencies and Disasters.				
Granicus ID#	25-1489A	Reference #		Date	18-SEPT-2025

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Type of Review									
CIP		Grant		Other	X	Revenue		Project	

Fiscal Information:

New Contract (Y/N)		Original Amount	N/A
Fund(s)	0001/1011	Amount of Change (+/-)	N/A
Cost Center(s)	211010	Total Amount	N/A
Program(s)		Amount Available	N/A
Account(s)		Included in Applicable Budget? (Y/N)	N/A
Fiscal Year(s)	FY26		

Description & Comments
(What is it, any issues found, is there a financial impact to current/next FY, does this contract vary from previous FY, etc.)

Summary

The issue of strengthening Chapter 14, specifically 14-29 (Retail Pet Sales) was recommended due to concerns brought to the Commission from citizen advocates. PCAS conducted a comprehensive review of applicable pet breeding industry standards, as well as relevant federal, state, and local regulations, transportation requirements, and consumer protection statutes. Additionally, PCAS convened two stakeholder sessions, attended by retail pet store owners, representatives from four local non-profit animal rescue organizations, and a licensed veterinarian. These forums facilitated constructive dialogue regarding the Department's preliminary recommendations and provided valuable insight.

The proposed ordinance updates for Chapter 14 are intended to strengthen regulatory oversight of the retail sale of dogs and cats within Pinellas County, rectify an administrative oversight involving the removal of definitions, and update sections 14-30 (Public Nuisance Animals) and 14-48 (Impoundment) to reflect current standards and practices.

Staff affirms the recommended ordinance updates align with the County's strategic plan and are both reasonable and enforceable.

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After discussing with Director, Jennifer Renner, it was determined there should be no fiscal impact on the Animal Services Department since the proposed revisions to Chapter 14 would mostly affect retail pet stores. Jennifer mentioned there could be a potential for savings in medical costs for the animals due to shortening the impoundment period from 30 days to 14 days. Animals being impounded for a longer amount of time can increase the risk of illness due to overcrowding and exposure to diseases. By reducing the length of stay, animals can be moved through the system more quickly, potentially lowering the incidence of illness and the associated medical treatment costs.

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