



# Pinellas County

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the County Code relating to animals.

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**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. State-filed ORD 17-07, 2. Adopted ORD 17-07, 3. Ordinance as Amended AATF, 4. Ordinance as Amended Redline, 5. Electronic Correspondence Received by BCC - SUPPORT, 6. Electronic Correspondence Received by BCC - OPPOSED, 7. Electronic Correspondence Received by BCC - Of Concern, 8. Affidavit of Publication - Notice of Public Hearing, 9. Ordinance Support Email from MEOW Now, 10. Ordinance Support Email from Friends of Strays, 11. Presentation, 12. Stakeholder email with responses.pdf, 13. Ordinance Support Email from SPCA Tampa Bay, 14. FINAL Ordinance Updates Clean, 15. FINAL Ordinance Updates Redline, 16. Animal Ordinance Advertisement, 17. Comment cards

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| 2/21/2017 | 1    | Board of County Commissioners | approved as amended | Pass   |

### **Subject:**

Ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the County Code relating to animals.

### **Recommended Action:**

Adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the Pinellas County Code (code) relating to animals.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

### **Summary:**

The proposed changes to Chapter 14 are brought forth to address sections of the code that are in need of clarification, augmentation, or standardization with other sections within the code itself or with state statutes.

The current code is in need of clarification in regards to public nuisance barking, dangerous animal classification, definitions, and fees and charges administration. Sec. 14-64 guard dog registration will be standardized in line with other registrations required on an annual basis. The proposed changes will augment Sec. 14-29 - Pet Dealerships and Kennels; and Sec. 14-61 - Rabies Vaccinations and Licensing.

The change to the definition of a Pet Dealer as it applies to Section 14-29 will require an annual

inspection and permit for any person who advertises or sells one litter of animals or more per year and establishes a Hobby Breeder definition. After careful consideration of dialogue with Commissioners during the August 23, 2016 BCC meeting, the proposed change has been amended to give citizens with unintended litters operations. Citizens with one-time litter sales may choose to have their female animal sterilized in lieu of getting a pet dealer permit and/or citation. The change to Sec. 14-61 will codify the requirement for veterinarians to submit licensure and rabies certificates to Animal Services within 30 days.

If approved, the ordinances will be in effect countywide.

**Background Information:**

On February 7, 2017, the Board granted authority to advertise and schedule a public hearing regarding the attached proposed ordinance.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Section 14-29 - Pet Dealerships and Kennels, the proposed change will increase revenue by an undetermined amount due to permitting requirements expanded to Pet Dealers who sell one litter annually and to Hobby Breeders who sell up to 20 animals annually.

Section 14-64 - Guard Dogs, the proposed change to an annual registration will increase revenue by \$1,350 annually.

All other sections have no fiscal impact.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Doug Brightwell, Director, Animal Services

**Partners:**

License Resellers  
Community Veterinarians  
SPCA Tampa Bay  
Humane Society of Pinellas  
Pet Pal  
MEOW Now  
Hobby Breeders and Enthusiasts

**Attachments:**

Ordinance Redline Version  
Ordinance Clean Copy  
Animal Ordinance Advertisement  
Ordinance Support Email from SPCA Tampa Bay  
Ordinance Support Email from Friends of Strays  
Ordinance Support Email from MEOW Now