



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held on October 11, 2016, regarding a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the County Code relating to animals.

Recommended Action:

Authorize a public hearing to be held on October 11, 2016, for proposed updates to Chapter 14 of the Pinellas County 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 per year. 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 in incorporated areas, unincorporated areas and municipalities.

Background Information:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Sec. 14-29 - Pet Dealerships and Kennels, the proposed change will increase revenue by an undetermined amount due to permitting requirements expanded to breeders who sell one litter annually.

Sec. 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

Attachments:

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