



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

File #: 18-183, **Version:** 1

AGENDA DATE: 4/11/2018

TITLE:

Ordinance to Amend County Code Chapter 4, Animals and Fowl

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Update on amendment of County Code Chapter 4, Animals and Fowl

ITEM TYPE: Consent Information Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Farley, Walls

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: Chapter 4 of the County Code contains provisions for the enforcement of animal welfare, licensing, and impoundment, both substantive and procedural. Chapter 4 also provides vaccination requirements, processes for dangerous and vicious dogs, and criminal penalties for violations of the chapter generally.

STRATEGIC PLAN: *Quality Government Operations:* Ensure County's government capacity to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

DISCUSSION: The process of recodifying the County Code includes making formatting, style, organizational, and substantive changes. These changes are being addressed at the chapter level before the Board considers adopting a complete, recodified, County Code later in 2018. Chapter 4 has been significantly edited and reorganized to (1) make efficient references to the Virginia Code; (2) delete duplicative or obsolete sections; (3) reconcile inconsistent or conflicting provisions; and (4) reflect the current practice and enforcement of animal-related matters.

Staff will return to the Board on May 9, 2018, for a work session on select issues pertaining to regulations addressing cruelty to animals.

Attachment A is the current draft of the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 4. This version strikes through the existing text. The new text has not been underlined so that it is easier to read, and brief comments are provided at the end of each section.

BUDGET IMPACT: Adopting the proposed ordinance will have no budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for information only.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Proposed Ordinance