



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.19.

10/10/2023

Subject:

Legislative intent and permission to advertise an ordinance amending Chapter 14 - Animals, Article III. - Animal Care Facilities of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

County Attorney's Office on behalf of BCSO Animal Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Statement of Legislative Intent set forth below, and direct staff to (1) prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 14 - Animals, Article III. - Animal Care Facilities of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances accordingly, and (2) schedule and advertise the ordinance for public hearing.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Chapter 14 - Animals, Article III. - Animal Care Facilities of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances provides for the inspection and licensure of animal care facilities, which includes, among other things, boarding facilities, veterinary hospitals, grooming establishments, and pet shops. Presently, the ordinance tasks the Brevard County Health Department with conducting inspections, issuing licenses, and enforcing violations of this article.

The County Health Department and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office have requested that these responsibilities be reassigned to the Animal Services division of the Sheriff's Office. The County Attorney's Office has coordinated with legal counsel for the Brevard County Sheriff's Office on the proposed amendments. The Sheriff's Office requested additional changes to Chapter 14, Article III., regarding animal care facility standards as outlined below.

Statement of Legislative Intent: Amend Chapter 14 - Animals, Article III. - Animal Care Facilities of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances to accomplish the following:

- Transfer responsibility for animal care facility inspection, registration, and enforcement from the Brevard County Health Department to Animal Services.
- Require that animal care facilities provide adequate protection from inclement weather including, but not limited to, extreme heat or cold and hurricanes.
- Prohibit persons convicted of animal cruelty from owning, operating, or being employed by an animal care facility.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Morris Richardson, County Attorney

RE: Item F.19., Legislative Intent and Permission to Advertise an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 – Animals, Article III. – Animal Care Facilities of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 10, 2023, approved legislative intent; directed staff to prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 14 – Animals, Article III. – Animal Care Facilities fo the Brevard County Code of Ordinances accordingly; and granted permission to schedule and advertise the ordinance for public hearing.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board