

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: December 12, 2022

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager
Lori Sykes, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council Action Requested:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Sections 6-16 and 6-17, entitled “Applicability of regulations of county board of health and county animal control ordinance,” and “Restraint of dogs,” respectively, of the Code of the City of Winston-Salem to reflect changes in the County Code of Ordinances regarding animals.

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information: .

Certain provisions of Chapter 6 of the Code of the City of Winston-Salem incorporate the regulations of the county board of health and the county animal control ordinance. Recently, Forsyth County revised the name of its animal control division, its animal control ordinance and the requirements for adequate and appropriate restraint of animals while unattended on the premises of the animal’s owner. Amendment to the City’s ordinance on animals is requested so that the City’s code sections on animals continue to correctly incorporate the County’s code sections on animals.

The specific changes requested will: (1) change the name of the County’s ordinance on “animal control” to its ordinance titled “Animals;” (2) change the name of the County’s animal control office to the “Forsyth County Animal Services Division;” and (3) provide that while an animal is unattended while on its owner’s property, it must be restrained by a tether and in the presence of the owner or other competent person, an above-ground fence, an underground fence or other secure enclosure.

Committee Action:

Committee _____

Action _____

For _____

Against _____

Remarks: