

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HALL

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF HALL COUNTY WITH REGARD TO ANIMAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, Hall County has adopted a comprehensive Animal Control Ordinance, which is codified under Title 4, Chapter 4.10 of the Official Code of Hall County (hereinafter the “Animal Control Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Ordinance was substantially amended in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Hall County has received input from County staff regarding certain revisions to the Animal Control Ordinance that would better fulfill its purposes and would align the County’s Animal Control Ordinance with the ordinances of other similarly situated counties in this State; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has considered certain proposed revisions to the Animal Control Ordinance and deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Hall County to adopt such revisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners does hereby amend the Official Code of Hall County, Georgia as follows:

1.

Title 4, Chapter 4.10 of the Official Code of Hall County, Georgia, is hereby amended by deleting Section 4.10.420 (-Notice to owner of impounded animal; impound fees; redemption by owner.) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 4.10.420 (-Notice to owner of impounded animal; impound fees; redemption by owner.), which provides as follows:

- A. It shall be the responsibility of Hall County Animal Control to immediately notify the owner of each domesticated animal or agricultural animal impounded if the owner of the domesticated animal or agricultural animal is known or can be reasonably ascertained. The owner of any domesticated animal or agricultural animal impounded may reclaim such domesticated animal or agricultural animal by the payment of:
 - 1. Any impoundment fee as established in the animal services fee schedule adopted by the governing authority;
 - 2. Any charges assessed by the Hall County Animal Services pursuant to the animal services fee schedule adopted by the governing authority for boarding, quarantine boarding, and veterinary services for the animal;
 - 3. If required due to the animal not wearing a current rabies inoculation tag, the cost of the rabies vaccination as per the animal services fee schedule adopted by the governing authority; and upon proof of payment of any fine already imposed for a violation of this chapter; and
 - 4. All domesticated animals other than community cats reclaimed under this section shall be microchipped before leaving impoundment at the Hall County Animal Shelter, with the identification number from the animal's microchip recorded in the Department of Animal Services' records.

- B. Owners of animals who have been identified and notified but who refuse to reclaim their animals will be responsible for payment of all fees charged pursuant to this chapter by Hall County Animal Services within ten days of the animal's impoundment.

2.

Title 4, Chapter 4.10 of the Official Code of Hall County, Georgia, is hereby amended by adding a new Section 4.10.205 (-Public nuisance animal.), which provides as follows:

- A. A public nuisance animal is defined in this chapter as one that:
 - 1. Is repeatedly found at large (two or more violations in any 12-month period);
 - 2. Damages the property of another, or causes injury to a person (not from an aggressive attack);
 - 3. Attacks or bites without provocation;
 - 4. Chases vehicles, bicycles, or people; or
 - 5. Is found with no owner's tag, microchip, or other form of owner's information that would aid in returning the animal to the rightful owner.

B. Any such public nuisance animal may be impounded and the owner or possessor charged for a violation of this chapter.

3.

The remaining provisions of Title 4, Chapter 4.10 of the Hall County Code of Ordinances shall remain as codified, unchanged by these amendments.

4.

Any and all provisions of the Official Code of Hall County which directly conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SO RESOLVED, this the _____ day of January, 2025.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
David Gibbs, Chairman

ATTEST:

_____ (SEAL)
Jennifer Rivera, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William J. Linkous, III, County Attorney