

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, upon receiving recommendations from the Animal Control Advisory Board, has determined that certain amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance are needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners that the following amendments to Chapter 5 of the Douglas County Code relating to animals be enacted:

Section 1.

Article XI of Chapter 5 of the Douglas County Code relating to animals and fowl is amended by striking Section 5-110 relating to “Animal Advisory Board” and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“Sec. 5-110”. Animal Control Advisory Board.

- (a) Membership. The county animal advisory board is hereby created. The Douglas County Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) shall be composed of eight (8) members. Five (5) members shall be appointed by the board of commissioners. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the City of Douglasville mayor and council. The remaining member shall be a veterinarian appointed by the remaining seven (7) members. An elected official may not serve as a member of the Board. All members of the Board must reside within Douglas County. A member of the county Animal Services department will serve as secretary to the ACAB. Unless otherwise authorized by subsequent ordinance, the members of the ACAB shall serve without compensation.
- (b) Terms. Initially, three of the County's appointees and one of the City's appointees shall serve a one-year term. The remaining appointees shall serve a two-year term. All members shall thereafter serve two-year terms.
- (c) Duties. In addition to such other powers and duties as may be set forth in this chapter, the ACAB shall have the power and duty to:
 - (1) Study animal related issues and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners;
 - (2) Review and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding ordinances relating to the control and welfare of animals in the unincorporated county;
 - (3) Supply reports to the Board of Commissioners at such frequency as the board may require;
 - (4) Other duties as prescribed by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 2

All ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

Section 3.

This ordinance is approved this 1st day of December, 2015 and shall become effective immediately.

ATTEST:

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lisa Watson, County Clerk

By _____
Tom Worthan, Chairman

By _____
Henry Mitchell III, Commissioner

By _____
Kelly Robinson, Commissioner

By _____
Michael Mulcare, Vice Chairman

By _____
Ann Jones Guider, Commissioner