

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 12, 2008
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Naomh M. Stewart, Law Intern
SUBJECT: Amendments to County Animal Laws

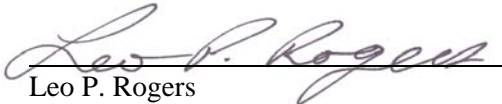
During its 2008 session, the General Assembly adopted changes to the State animal control laws. Consequently, several ordinance amendments are necessary to bring the County Code into conformity with the changes to the Virginia Code.

The first amendment amends the definition of “adequate water.” Instead of providing water to animals at least once every 12 hours, the amended definition requires the provision of water at intervals appropriate for weather and temperature. The second amendment allows a person to request that a County Animal Control Officer bury or cremate that person’s dead animal or fowl, for which service the County may be reimbursed. The final amendment provides the court with additional authority to control animals that have been involved in dog fighting operations.

Staff recommends approval of the attached ordinance amendments.

Naomh M. Stewart

CONCUR:



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