

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-**  
**TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 - ANIMALS**  
**OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Bluffton and Beaufort County operate under an Intergovernmental Services Agreement for the Beaufort County Animal Services Department to provide animal control services within the Town's municipal boundaries; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Bluffton Chapter 4, Animals provides the current regulations pertaining to disorderly and nuisance premises which was adopted on May 14, 2019 through Ordinance 2019-6; and,

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the Intergovernmental Services Agreement, the Town adopted language contained in Beaufort County's Animal Ordinance Chapter 14 Article II Animal Control on June 14, 2016 through Ordinance 2016-07 in an effort to improve the general safety, welfare, health and properties of the citizens of the Town of Bluffton; and,

**WHEREAS,** Beaufort County has formally requested consideration for amendments to existing shared language in both the County's and the Town's Animal Control Ordinances; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Bluffton Town Council has authority to enact resolutions, ordinances, regulations, and procedures pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, Section 5-7-30; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Bluffton Town Council also has the authority to enact ordinances for care and control of dogs, cats, and other animals pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, Section 47-3-20; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Bluffton Chapter 4, Animals provides the current regulations pertaining to disorderly and nuisance premises; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council shall from time to time examine ordinances to ensure that they are properly regarded, enforced, sufficient and satisfactory to the needs of the community and can further suggest changes as deemed appropriate; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Bluffton Town Council desires to amend Chapter 4 - Animals to enable the Town of Bluffton and the Beaufort County Animal Services Department to better facilitate, regulate, supervise, and provide consistent treatment throughout the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA,** in accordance with the foregoing, the Town hereby amends the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Bluffton as follows:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** The Town of Bluffton hereby amends the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina as indicated in Exhibit A.

**SECTION 2. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3. ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.** This entire Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon adoption.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ENACTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

This Ordinance was read and passed on First Reading on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Larry C. Toomer, Mayor  
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

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Marcia Hunter, Town Clerk  
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

This Ordinance was read and passed at Second and Final Reading on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Larry C. Toomer, Mayor  
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

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Marcia Hunter, Town Clerk  
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