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**BOILING SPRINGS**
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## REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 92

*Options to Proceed:*

1. Motion to adopt ordinance #221108.01 amending Chapter 92 as presented
2. Motion to amend Chapter 92 with changes discussed
3. Motion to table for further review
4. No motion needed to leave Chapter 92 as it currently reads

**Staff and Planning Board recommend Option 1**

## SUMMARY

Staff has reviewed ordinances from towns across the state regarding animals, livestock, chickens, etc. We also sought feedback from the Planning Board and Town Council on the revision of this ordinance. Feedback received was that the ordinance needed to be more restrictive and include more enforceability.

Currently, the Town contracts with Cleveland County Animal Services for 'animal control' services. This has been a long-standing partnership and the Town does not wish to take on this responsibility from the County. However, we do recognize the need to be able to have some control over situations in town and not solely rely on another agency whose base of operations is outside of our corporate limits.

Additionally, Cleveland County Animal Services recently (within the last year) overhauled its animal ordinance. The Boiling Springs chapter referenced, almost in its entirety, the *former* Cleveland County ordinance.

Therefore, staff recommends removing the majority of the language in Chapter 92 and replacing it with a reference to adopting the Cleveland animal ordinance and all of its parts. To give us the ability to have more control, staff has recommended adding a section (92.04 Restraint and Keeping of Animals; penalty) that allows the town manager or their designee to enforce those regulations outlined within the corporate boundaries of the town. Included with this is language to 'include but not limit' certain situations for broader authority and an increasing fine structure that can also require the containment of the animals.

For your reference, we have included a 'redline' copy and a 'clean' copy of the proposed changes to Chapter 92.

## MATERIALS PROVIDED

- **Redline and Clean copy of proposed changes**