

CITY OF CHIPLEY

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Animal Control Ordinance - Discussion – Attorney Jordan

MEETING DATE

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

PREPARED BY

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SUMMARY

The following animal control ordinance addresses all areas of updates to Florida law including the last legislative session, but particularly as to dangerous dogs/animals. It addresses livestock but also the personal keeping of animals like chickens and pigs. It does not include a specific limitation on the number of animals in general (too hard to enforce without a warrant) and instead focuses on nuisance animals. It prohibits the keeping of strays and feeding of strays on public property, but if someone wants to keep a TNR cat colony, they can do so by spaying/neutering, ear-tipping, and microchipping those cats, of which we will need to invest in a scanner. The citizens will be required to feed and water them on their own property. It does still include provisions relating to animal cruelty/safety. And also references specific to Florida statutes where relevant.

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Animal Control Ordinance