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**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA
REGARDING ANIMALS TO ADOPT THE GWINNETT COUNTY ANIMAL ORDINANCE AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

The City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia hereby ordains that the Code of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia shall be amended as follows:

Section 1:

That Chapter 8, related to animals, is hereby amended by deleting Chapter 8 in its entirety and replacing the language to read as follows:

Chapter 8 ANIMALS

Sec. 8-1. - Adoption of Gwinnett County Animal Ordinance.

The City Council adopts and incorporates by reference the ordinance within the Code of Gwinnett County, Georgia, Chapter 10 – Animals, as may be amended from time to time. For the purpose of prescribing regulations governing animals, including dangerous dogs, the same is adopted and incorporated as amended herein and otherwise as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this chapter shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the City. The Gwinnett County animal welfare division is hereby authorized to enforce this ordinance. The incorporated area of the City shall be subject to the fees charged by the county animal welfare division and all such fees shall be retained by the county to defray the cost of the animal welfare division.

Sec. 8-2. – Modifications of terms.

The aforementioned Gwinnett County Code provisions incorporated by reference in section 8-1 shall be considered amended in any manner necessary to change the wording to express the intent of adoption and incorporation. "City of Lawrenceville, Georgia" shall replace references to "Gwinnett County", where appropriate. "City Council" shall replace "Board of Commissioners", where appropriate. Specifically, the following changes are made:

Sec. 10-1. *Definitions.* Replace the definition of Police officer to read as follows: *Police officer* means any law enforcement officer empowered to make arrests or cause to be issued summonses in the City.

Sec. 10-2. *Penalties for violation of chapter.* City shall replace county herein, where appropriate.

Sec. 10-4. *Summons.*

(b) City shall replace county herein.

Sec. 10-5. *Liability of the county, animal welfare division, officers and employees.* City shall replace county herein, where appropriate.

Sec. 10-8. *Public nuisance animal.*

(a) (6) City shall replace county herein.

Sec. 10-140. *Rabies vaccination certificates.* Shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The owner, possessor, or harbinger of each dog or cat residing in the city must obtain and possess a current rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian showing that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies. Upon vaccination, all veterinarians shall be responsible for issuing a metal tag with a vaccination and identification number. Tags must be renewed within 30 days of the expiration date of the vaccination.

Sec. 8-3. – Animals in Parks.

The restrictions on animals in parks within the city, as outlined in the Code of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia, [Chapter 28 –Parks and Recreation, Article II. – Use of Recreation Facilities, Sec. 28-43. - Animals](#), shall not be changed and shall continue to be in force and effect as adopted.

Section 2:

All ordinances, regulations, or parts of the same in conflict with this ordinance are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict and only to the extent of said conflict.

Section 3:

If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of

this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of the ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4:

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

IT IS SO ORDAINED this 26th day of June, 2024.

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk