



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Type: Council - Regular

Meeting Date: March 16, 2023

Agenda Item Type: New Business

Staff Contact: Brandon Perkins, Town Manager

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration to adopt changes to the Town's Code of Ordinances Sections 6-1 and 6-9 to include provisions regulating the restraint (tethering) of animals within the Town limits.

BACKGROUND:

The Town was contacted by a resident during the extreme cold weather in December 2022 about a dog that she had observed that was tied up in a back yard. It turns out that this animal was located at an address outside the Town's jurisdiction in the County, but the incident did serve as a reminder to staff that the Town's ordinance does not contain sufficient provisions regulating the tethering of animals. Subsequent research revealed that Peachtree City's Chief Moon had recently worked with Fayette County Animal Control on adding tethering regulations to their ordinance and Animal Control was planning to work with all Fayette cities on similar changes to create uniformity since they handle most of the enforcement.

Peachtree City adopted this update in October and Fayette County adopted changes on March 9, 2023.

Staff believes approval of these changes will give the Town greater ability to ensure the safety of animals within the Town Limits.

FUNDING:

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance update.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft revisions.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS:

None.