

**WALTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**ORDINANCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE**  
**BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OF WALTON COUNTY**

An Ordinance to amend the Code of Walton County, Georgia, Chapter 10 regarding Animals, so as to adopt and enforce certain amendments to the animal control ordinance; to repeal conflicting provisions; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

**WHEREAS**, Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia grants the governing authority of each county the legislative power to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or regulations relating to its property, affairs, and local government for which no provision has been made by general law and which is not inconsistent with the constitution or any local law applicable thereto;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-1-20, a county may enact regulations to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public under its police powers;

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, Walton County desires to adopt and enforce certain amendments to its animal control ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:**

1.

The Code of Walton County, Georgia is hereby amended by adding the following provision as Chapter 10, Article I, Sec. 10-23 of the Code of Walton County, Georgia:

**Sec. 10-23. -- Removal of animals locked in closed vehicles.**

- (a) Any person who transports any animal in any vehicle or leaves an animal in a vehicle unattended with the outside temperature higher than 80 degrees shall be in violation of this chapter unless sufficient ventilation is provided to prevent the animal from being in distress.
- (b) No animal shall be transported in the closed trunk of a vehicle.

- (c) When the conditions inside a parked vehicle provide reasonable cause to believe the animal may die if not immediately removed as shown by the animal's physical appearance and a violation of paragraphs A or B is present, any animal left in a parked vehicle may be removed from that vehicle by animal control, any law enforcement agency, or any fire agency. Walton County shall not be liable for any damage caused to such vehicle in order to remove said animal.

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This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**SO ORDAINED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Thompson, Chairman  
Walton County Board of Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Hawk, County Clerk  
Walton County, Georgia

[COUNTY SEAL]