

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 deleting in its entirety Chapter 10, Article I, Sec. 10-18, and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 10-18. – Obstruction of an Animal Control Officer.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to hinder, interfere, harass, or otherwise obstruct the performance of any employee of the Animal Control Department in the official performance of such employee's duties as provided in this chapter.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to relocate, interfere with, or alter the operation of any device, equipment, or item of the Animal Control Department without permission of an employee of such Department.

- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to place any animal into, or remove any animal confined within, a trap, cage, or vehicle owned by the Animal Control Department without permission of an employee of such Department.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to give a false name, address, or date of birth to any employee of the Animal Control Department in the lawful discharge of such employee's official duties with the intent to mislead such employee in any way.

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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]