

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 definitions in alphabetical order to Chapter 10, Article I, Sec. 10-1 of the Code of Walton County, Georgia:

“EAID” means an electronic animal identification device, e.g., a microchip or otherwise.

“Consideration” means anything of value, including, but not limited to, cash, credit, electronic payment, services, or any type of property or interest in property. A transaction shall be deemed to be ‘for consideration’ if it occurs in connection with any payment of consideration or other commercial transaction, including but not limited to, a sale, adoption, rehoming, lease, trade, exchange, swap, or barter transaction.

“Transfer” means a transaction in which for consideration a dog, cat, or domestic rabbit, or any interest in any such animal, is exchanged, offered to be exchanged, or advertised for a commercial purpose.

“Licensable activity” means to breed, board train or sell any domesticated 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]