

**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 subsection (i) to Chapter 10, Article I, Sec. 10-16 of the Code of Walton County, Georgia:

- (i) *Microchipping*. No animal shall be reclaimed or adopted unless the animal has been implanted with an EAID and the Owner has paid the County for the implantation of such EAID, unless an EAID has been verified upon impound.

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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]