



WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
County Courthouse

MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
COUNTY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 5, 2017
5:30 p.m.
Washington County Quorum Court Room

Alicia Deavens
Joe Kieklak
Eva Madison

Chair Robert Dennis

Sue Madison
Joel Maxwell
Vice Chair Joe Patterson

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Conservation Finance Research Proposal Of The Trust For Public Land
5. Discussion on Planning Fees
6. Review of County Codes
 - Sec 2.7-1 – Animal Control Advisory Board (6.1)
 - Sec 2.7-30 - Confinement of animal when person bitten (6.2)
 - Sec 2.7-36(c)- Dogs or cats with identifying information (6.3)
7. Other Business: Any other business to be discussed by the Committee will be brought up at this time.
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHINGTON COUNTY CODE SECTION 2.7-1.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court has been reviewing the Washington County Code of Ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court has determined that section 2.7-1 of the Code is in need of amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. Washington County Code Section 2.7-1 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2.7-1. – Animal Control Advisory Board.

(a) Pursuant to A.C.A. § 14-14-705, there is hereby created an Animal Concerns Advisory Board.

(b) The Advisory Board shall consist of ~~nine (9)~~ six (6) residents of Washington County to be appointed by the County Judge.

(c) The term of each member shall be for three (3) years. No members shall be appointed for more than two (2) consecutive terms. The initial appointment shall provide for the appointment of ~~three (3)~~ two (2) members for one (1) year, ~~three (3)~~ two (2) members for two (2) years, and ~~three (3)~~ two (2) members for three (3) years by the drawing of lots. The Board shall meet at least quarterly and no meeting shall be cancelled except by absolute majority of the Board; however, the Chairperson may, for good cause, postpone any meeting. The officers of the Board shall be chosen by the Board at the first meeting to be called by the County Judge and shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

(d) The Board is hereby authorized and entitled to furnish advice and make recommendations to the County Judge and Quorum Court in regards to all aspects of animal concerns grant opportunities, fundraising, and animal related issues that might arise.

JOSEPH K. WOOD, County Judge

DATE

BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: Bill Ussery
Date of Passage: July 20, 2017
Votes For: 0 Votes Against: 0
Abstention: 0 Absent: 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHINGTON COUNTY CODE SECTION 2.7-30.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court has been reviewing the Washington County Code of Ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court has determined that section 2.7-30 of the Code is in need of amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. Washington County Code Section 2.7-30 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2.7-30. - Confinement of animal when person bitten.

(a) Whenever an animal control officer or a law enforcement officer receives information that an animal, whether domestic or livestock, has bitten any person, the animal control officer or law enforcement officer must have the animal confined and observed in accordance with the provisions of the Rabies Control Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-19-301—20-19-312.

(b) An offending domestic animal must be confined for a period of ten (10) days at the animal owner's expense by a licensed veterinarian, a public animal shelter, or any other animal shelter or boarding facility with rabies quarantine capabilities, at the discretion of the County Sheriff in consultation with the Director of the Washington County Animal Shelter.

(c) The Washington County Animal Shelter is authorized to accept offending cats, dogs, and other domestic animals for confinement at the discretion of the Shelter Director. The Director must take into consideration the shelter's animal population and its ability to quarantine the animal for the requisite ten-day period. The Director is authorized to require payment from the animal owner in advance of up to forty dollars (\$40.00) per day depending on the estimated cost to quarantine the animal.

(d) The animal control officer or law enforcement officer is authorized to take charge and impound any dog or cat that is said to have bitten a person at the owner's expense, for rabies quarantine.

(e) Any animal that is quarantined at the Washington County Animal Shelter pursuant to section (a) above, shall be spayed or neutered before being released from the Shelter. Any animal that that is transferred to another Veterinary Facility to finish out the quarantine period shall be spayed or neutered by said facility before being released to the owner.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHINGTON COUNTY CODE SECTION 2.7-36(c).

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court has been reviewing the Washington County Code of Ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court has determined that section 2.7-36(c) of the Code is in need of amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. Washington County Code Section 2.7-36(c) is hereby amended as follows:

(c) Dogs or cats with identifying information; return to owners; and impoundment. Dogs or cats that have identifying information will be returned to the owner at no cost, unless said owner cannot be contacted within twenty-four (24) hours, at which time said dog or cat shall be subjected to impoundment at the owner's expense. Failure to claim said dog or cat within ~~ten~~five (405) days of impoundment shall subject the dog or cat to adoption or euthanasia.

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