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Cumberland County Animal Control

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City and County Adopt Animal Code Revisions

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Commissioners and Fayetteville City Council have approved several amendments to the county’s Animal Control Ordinance. The Board of Commissioners adopted the revisions at their June 17 meeting; the City Council approved them on June 24.

The revisions are now enforceable in the Fayetteville city limits and the unincorporated areas of the county. The county’s other eight municipalities will have the option to approve the changes for their towns.

The following are among the approved amendments:

- Under the nuisance animals section, individuals who receive a written warning of violation have 24 hours to correct the problem. The prior ordinance allowed 72 hours.
- A person cited as a “Nuisance/Reckless” owner shall be ordered to surrender all of his or her dogs and cats to Animal Control and refrain from owning, keeping or harboring such pets for three years.
- Any animal picked up by Animal Control for running at large; or designated as potentially dangerous or dangerous; shall be spayed or neutered before being returned to its owner. The Animal Control Director may grant a one-time exception for breeding, show or hunting dogs pick up for running at large.
- Pet owners are required to clean up waste left by their pets while walking on public or private land owned by others.
- Animal Control will now issue “Breeding/Advertising/Transfer” permits to owners who wish to breed their dog or cat. The permit will allow owners to breed, sell, trade, advertise, receive for any compensation, give away or transfer ownership of no more than one litter per licensed animal, per household, per year. Permits will not be issued to anyone who has been convicted of an animal cruelty charge.

For more information about Animal Control, call 321-6852 or go online to www.co.cumberland.nc.us/animal_control.aspx.

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