



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

COOK COUNTY ANIMAL AND RABIES CONTROL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 10, Animals, Section 106, of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 10-6. Duties of Administrator; police power; cooperation of Sheriff and police.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Administrator, through public education, rabies inoculation, stray control, impoundment, quarantine and other means deemed necessary to control and prevent the spread of rabies in the County.
- (b) The Administrator and Animal Control Wardens are for the purpose of enforcing this chapter and the Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/1 et seq.), clothed with full police power.
- (c) The Sheriff and Sheriff's Deputies and municipal police officers shall cooperate with the Administrator in carrying out the provisions of the Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/1 et seq.).
- (d) The Administrator shall be authorized to develop new programs to implement the animal control goals of this chapter and the Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/1 et seq.). Such programs may include, but are not limited to, programs or grants to aide in the elimination of uncontrolled and/or stray animals in the community, programs or grants to educate the public on issues pertaining to animal control and rabies, programs to impound stray animals, programs or grants for private or public entity capital needs to impound and/or care for stray animals and programs to fund surgical treatment to render animals unable to reproduce. The Administrator is further authorized, subject to annual budget approval by the Board of Commissioners to use Animal Control Funds collected from the issuance of annual animal tags as authorized in Section 10-41(b) of this chapter, to fund such programs or grants. Programs or grants permitted under this subsection may be allocated for internal programs, external grants or valid procurements. Grant recipients shall be selected by the Administrator following a competitive process approved by the Administrator and the Chief of the Bureau of Administration which shall consist of an application process, request for proposal or request for qualification. The Administrator shall be authorized to issue the grant application process, request for proposal or request for qualification and shall be authorized to execute said grant agreements as approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.
- (e) The Administrator shall have the authority to negotiate and execute agreements and/or memoranda of understanding (MOU) that are consistent with the purpose of this chapter, including but not limited to providing free or low-cost rabies vaccination and/or microchip clinics, and for the short-term housing of impounded animals in order to keep them closer to their place of impoundment. Such agreements and/or MOUs may be entered into with animal shelters; humane associations; veterinary associations; veterinarians; veterinary schools; municipalities or other political subdivisions that control and regulate animals; and, animal related businesses. Where applicable, such agreements and/or MOUs shall adhere to applicable procurement rules under the County's Code of Ordinances. Should the agreement or MOU require the County to indemnify the other party, County Board authorization will be required in advance of execution. The Administrator shall provide a report of all Administrator executed cooperative agreements to the Board of Commissioners on a quarterly basis, if requested.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.