

Ordinance to Amend and Re-Enact Chapter 5 of the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia Entitled “Animals” by Amending Article I, Section 5-4 – Animal Control Officer and Pound Generally

Sec. 5-4. - Animal control officer and pound generally.

(a) The city ~~council~~ shall ~~appoint or designate~~ *employ* an officer to be known as the animal control officer, who shall have the power to enforce this chapter and other ordinances and state laws for the protection of domestic animals. Within the limits of the appropriations therefor, the city ~~council~~ may also ~~appoint~~ *employ* one (1) or more deputies to assist the animal control officer in the performance of his duties.

(b) An animal pound shall be maintained by the city in accordance with the requirements deemed necessary by the city council and of a type approved by the health department. All dogs found running at large without the tag required by section 5-58, or in violation of section 5-38 and all cats found running at large in violation of section 5-38 shall be confined therein. The city need not own such pound but may contract for its establishment with a private group alone or in conjunction with one (1) or more other local political subdivisions of the state.

(c) The pound provided for in this section shall be accessible to the public at reasonable hours during the week and meet all other requirements stated in the Code of Virginia, § 3.2-5900 et seq.