



## Legislation Text

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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

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The proposed amendments to Section 5-4 of the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia would bring the Code into alignment with changes to state code.

**Discussion/Impact:**

The proposed amendments are housekeeping amendments to bring the city code into compliance with changes to state code.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance amendments.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia that Article I, Section 5-4 of Chapter 5 of the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia be amended and re-enacted as follows:

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

- (a) The city shall 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 therefore, the city may also 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.