



Legislation Text

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Ordinance to Amend and Re-Enact the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Section 2-2 Entitled, "Definitions" Pertaining to Animal Definitions

Background Statement:

In past years, staff have received numerous requests or complaints from residents regarding animal-related uses and care. Last year, staff began addressing these concerns by clarifying requirements for kennels and animal daycare facilities; these amendments continue that effort to clarify how animals are regulated within the Zoning Ordinance. Staff has worked closely with the Hampton Animal Response Team (HART, formerly Animal Control) to coordinate this effort.

If adopted, this amendment would add a definition for companion animals. This definition aligns with the definition within Chapter 5 of the City Code.

This amendment is in conjunction with items 22-0005 and 22-0006 which in combination clarify existing animal-related uses, structures, and their additional standards.

Recommendations:

Staff Recommendation:

Approve

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Approve

WHEREAS, the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice so require;

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia that Section 2-2 of Chapter 2 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia be amended to read as follows:

Section 2-2. - Definitions

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Companion animals. Dogs, both domestic and feral; cats, both domestic and feral; nonhuman primates; guinea pigs; hamsters; rabbits not raised for human food or fiber; exotic or native animals; reptile; exotic and native birds; or any feral animal or any animal under the care, custody, or ownership of a person or any animal that is bought, sold, traded, or bartered by any person. Agricultural animals, game species, or any animals regulated under federal law as research animals shall not be considered companion animals.

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