



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 12-21

City Council

5/13/2021

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Sherri Myers

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 12-21 - REGULATIONS FOR BREEDING DOMESTICATED ANIMALS, PROVIDING FEE FOR LOCAL BUSINESS TAX FOR HOBBY BREEDERS

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 12-21 on second reading:

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 4-2-45 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA; PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE BREEDING OF DOMESTICATED ANIMALS; REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AND PERMITTING FOR HOBBY BREEDERS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 7-2-9 TO PROVIDING FEE FOR LOCAL BUSINESS TAX FOR HOBBY BREEDERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

To date, hobby breeders; defined within the proposed ordinances as any person that breeds dogs or cats in the city limits more than one time during any twelve-month period, have gone unregulated and have been allowed to operate a business without a license while in some cases doing so without obtaining a home occupation permit.

This proposed ordinance seeks to regulate hobby breeders to help better track and ensure the health and wellbeing of dog and cat litters by mandating maintenance of birth records, veterinary records to show rabies vaccinations, other inoculations, and medical conditions of the animals along with protecting the health of the animals by regulating the age at which they can be sold. This ordinance will also require that animals being sold be examined by a licensed veterinarian within one week of the date of transfer and be required to provide a medical history of the sire and dam.

Finally, this ordinance will require that hobby breeders obtain a local business tax receipt if they sell or transfer puppies or kittens more than once in any twelve-month period. They would also be required to list the tax receipt number on all advertisements, literature, signs, and social media posts concerning the sale of any animal.

PRIOR ACTION:

April 22, 2021 - City Council voted to approve Proposed Ordinance No.12-21 on first reading

March 25, 2021 - This item was pulled from the agenda pending a discussion with Code Enforcement

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Proposed Ordinance No. 12-21

PRESENTATION: No