

# ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 7A-9

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JAMES CITY COUNTY  
VIRGINIA

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 3, ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 3-2. DISPOSITION OF CARCASSES; SECTION 3-4. DOG TAGS; SECTION 3-4.1. DUPLICATE LICENSE TAGS; SECTION 3-10. IMPOUNDMENT AND REDEMPTION OF DOGS NOT WEARING TAGS; AND SECTION 3-21. CONFINEMENT OR DESTRUCTION OF DOGS OR CATS SHOWING SIGNS OF, OR SUSPECTED OF HAVING, RABIES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of James City, Virginia, that Chapter 3, Animals and Fowl, is hereby amended and reordained by amending Section 3-2. Disposition of carcasses; Section 3-4. Dog tags; Section 3-4.1. Duplicate license tags; Section 3-10. Impoundment and redemption of dogs not wearing tags; and Section 3-21. Confinement or destruction of dogs or cats showing signs of, or suspected of having, rabies.

## Chapter 3. Animals and Fowl

### Article I. In General

#### Section 3-2. Disposition of carcasses.

(a) The owner of any animal or fowl which has died from any cause shall forthwith cremate or bury the carcass thereof in a lawful and sanitary manner. If he fails to do so within twenty-four (24) hours after notice by the sheriff, dog warden or other county officer, the county shall have such carcass so disposed of by its own agents or employees, in which event the expenses therefor shall be chargeable to and paid by the owner of such carcass and may be collected as taxes and levies are collected.

(b) As used in this section, the word "owner" shall include any person having a right of property in an animal or fowl, and any person who keeps or harbors an animal or fowl or who has it in his care, or who acts as its custodian, and a person who permits an animal or fowl on or about any premises occupied by him.

State law references—Authority of board of supervisors to enact this section, Code of Va., Section 15.1-11(1); additional state law as to disposition of animal and fowl carcasses, Code of Va., Section 18.2-510; additional state law as to disposition of dog carcasses, Code of Va., Section 29-213.90, similar state laws definition of "owner" as applied to dogs, Code of Va., Section 29-213.36.

#### Section 3-4. Dog tags.

Any person may obtain a dog license by making oral or written application to the treasurer of the county, or his designee, accompanied by the amount of license tax and certificate of vaccination as required by this chapter. The treasurer, or his designee, shall only have authority to license dogs of resident owners or custodians who reside within the boundary limits of this county and may require information to this effect from any applicant. Upon receipt of proper application and certificate of vaccination as required by this chapter, the treasurer, or his designee, shall issue a license receipt for the amount on which he shall record the name and address of the owner or custodian, the date of payment, the year for which issued, the serial number of the tag, whether male, unsexed female, female or kennel, and deliver the metal license tags or plates provided for herein. Such tags shall be stamped or otherwise permanently marked to show the name of the county, the sex of the dog, the calendar year for which issued and bear a serial number.

The information thus received shall be retained by the treasurer, open to public inspection, during the period for which such license is valid. All unsold tags shall be recorded and the unissued tags destroyed by the treasurer at the end of the dog tax year. (8-10-64, Section 1; Ord. No. 7A-6, 8-10-81)

#### Section 3-4.1. Duplicate license tags.

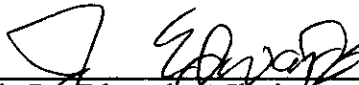
If a dog license should become lost, destroyed or stolen, the owner or custodian shall at once apply to the county treasurer, or his designee, for a duplicate license tag; presenting the original license receipt. Upon affidavit of the owner or custodian before the county treasurer, or his designee, that the original license tag has been lost, destroyed or stolen, the treasurer shall issue a duplicate license tag which shall be immediately affixed to the collar of the dog by its owner or custodian. The treasurer, or his designee, shall endorse the number of the duplicate license tag and the date of issuance on the face of the original license receipt. The fee for a duplicate tag for any dog shall be one dollar. (Ord. No. 7A-6, 8-10-81)

Section 3-10. Impoundment and redemption of dogs not wearing tags.

The dog warden and other officials appointed under the provisions of this article are hereby required to impound any dog not wearing a collar with a current dog license tag securely attached thereto as prescribed by Section 3-6 or any dog in violation of Section 3-7. Such dogs shall be impounded in a dog pound designated by the board of supervisors for a period of five (5) days, such period to commence on the day immediately following the day the dog is initially confined in the facility, unless sooner claimed by the owner thereof. During this five-day period, the dog may be returned to its owner or custodian, upon proof of ownership, purchase of dog tag and display of certificate of vaccination. A charge of four dollars (\$4.00) per day for boarding the dog shall be paid by the owner to the treasurer before the dog may be released. If the rightful owner of any dog confined may be readily identified, the operator or custodian of the pound shall make a reasonable effort to notify the owner of the dog of the dog's confinement within forty-eight hours next following its confinement. (8-10-64, Section 5; Ord. No. 7A-6, 8-10-81; Ord. No. 7A-8, 11-19-84)

Section 3-21. Confinement or destruction of dogs or cats showing signs of, or suspected of having, rabies.

Dogs or cats showing active signs of rabies or suspected of having rabies shall be confined under competent observation for such a time as may be necessary to determine a diagnosis. If confinement is impossible or impracticable, such dog or cat shall be euthanized by one of the methods prescribed or approved by the state veterinarian, as provided in Virginia Code Section 29-213.66. Every person having knowledge of the existence of an animal apparently afflicted with rabies shall report immediately to the local health department the existence of such animal, the place where seen, the owner's name, if known, and the symptoms suggesting rabies. (Ord. No. 7A-8, 11-19-84)

  
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Jack D. Edwards, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
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James B. Oliver, Jr.  
Clerk to the Board

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia,  
this 2nd day of December, 1985.

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