

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND CHAPTER 4: ANIMALS AND FOWL, ARTICLE II: DOGS, CATS, WILDLIFE AND EXOTIC ANIMALS, SECTION 4-18 UNLAWFUL ACTS, TO INCLUDE FAILURE TO PROPERLY REMOVE ANIMAL WASTE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. **Findings.** Greenville County Council finds that the ownership of an animal carries with it responsibilities to the County and its residents concerning pet waste. If not properly removed, pet waste can be a source of pollution by flowing directly into nearby streams and creeks without being treated at wastewater treatment facilities. Pet waste can expose citizens to harmful bacteria and viruses. Greenville County Council finds that revisions are needed in the Greenville County Code concerning pet waste for the health and safety of the residents of Greenville County.

Section 2. **Amendment.** Section 4-18 of the Greenville County of Ordinances shall be amended as follows to add the following subsection:

ARTICLE II: DOGS, CATS, WILDLIFE and EXOTIC ANIMALS

Sec. 4-18. UNLAWFUL ACTS.

It shall be unlawful in the county for any animal owner or other keeper of an animal to:

“(12)(a) Allow domestic animal feces to accumulate on any property owned, occupied or controlled by such person, if such accumulation creates an unsanitary, offensive or unhealthy condition. This provision shall not apply to horses, cattle, sheep and goats and other grazing animals confined in pastures.

(b) Fail to remove fecal matter deposited by an animal under his or her ownership or control on public or private property of another before leaving the immediate area where the fecal matter was deposited.

(c) Fail to have in his or her immediate possession an appropriately sized bag to be used for removal of the animal feces when accompanying an animal on public property or private property of another.

(d) Deposit animal feces in sewers or drains, whether storm or sanitary. Animal feces must be bagged and placed in a proper garbage receptacle established for public use or belonging to the owner of the animal.

(e) Exceptions. Section 4-18(12) shall not apply to a guide, hearing, or service dog or other dog that has been trained to accompany a person with a disability while being accompanied by a disabled person or to any dog or horse in the custody or control of a Law Enforcement Officer during the performance of official duties.

(d) Penalty. A violation of Section 4-18(12) is subject to a fine of not less than \$75.00 and not exceeding \$500.00. Each violation is a separate offense.”

Section 3. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Bob Taylor, Chairman
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Theresa B. Kizer
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator