



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

| Meeting Date: | File No.: | Item Type: | | 1 st Reading | 2 nd Reading |
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| 6/4/2025 | 25-210 | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Other | Ordinance Reading | 6/4/2025 | 6/18/2025 |
| | | | Public Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | Advertising Required | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | Quasi-Judicial: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fiscal Impact (\$): | Account Balance (\$): | Funding Source: | Project Number: | | |
| Unknown | n/a | n/a | n/a | | |
| Contract/P.O. Required | RFP/RFQ/Bid Number: | Sponsor Name: | Department: | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | n/a | Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub and Vice Mayor Michele Lazarow | Commission | | |
| Strategic Plan Focus Areas: | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Stability | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure & Mobility | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development & Affordable Housing | |
| Implementation Timeline: | | | | | |
| Estimated Start Date: 6/19/2025 | | | Estimated End Date: n/a | | |

SHORT TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, "ANIMALS", TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL, CUSTODY, AND WELFARE; AMENDING SHELTER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HOUSING OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR IMPOUNDING OF STRAY OR NEGLECTED DOGS; REQUIRING STERILIZATION OF DOGS; REQUIRING MICROCHIPPING OF DOGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

The Proposed ordinance, sponsored by Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub would strengthen the regulations relating to animal control, custody and welfare, particularly as they relate to dogs.

The ordinance includes the following:

- Amended definition of “dangerous Dog” to comply with state definition.
- Add definitions for sterilization and other related terms.
- Classify unrestrained dogs in public areas as strays and allowing for City to impound said dogs.
- Provides for impounding of neglected dogs by the City.
- Provides that unaltered impounded dogs will not be released unless sterilized.
- Provides additional enforcement language, which is limited by state statute to civil infractions.
- New requirements for the keeping/sheltering of animals.
- Makes mandatory the spaying and neutering of all dogs and cats over 6 months old, with some exceptions.
- Makes mandatory the microchipping of all dogs and cats.

As provided by Commissioner Lima-Taub:

The following local governments mandate spay and neutering:

1. Port Orange

Port Orange requires that all dogs and cats six months of age or older be spayed or neutered unless the owner obtains an unaltered animal permit. Exemptions are provided for animals used in shows, breeding, or service roles, and for medical reasons certified by a veterinarian. Additionally, microchipping is mandatory for unaltered animals.

<https://www.port-orange.org/832/Spay-and-Neuter-Ordinance>

2. Volusia County (including Deltona)

In Volusia County and the City of Deltona, it is mandatory to spay or neuter dogs and cats over six months old unless the owner holds an unaltered animal permit. Exemptions apply to animals used for shows, breeding, or service purposes, and for those medically unfit for surgery. Breeders are required to obtain a Hobby Breeder Permit from Volusia County Animal Services.

https://library.municode.com/fl/volusia_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTII COOR_CH14AN_ARTIIANCO#PTIICOOR_CH14AN_ARTIIANCO_S14-56HOBR

3. Palm Beach County

Palm Beach County mandates that all dogs and cats six months of age or older be spayed or neutered unless the owner obtains an unaltered license tag. Exemptions are available for animals used in shows, breeding, or service roles, and for medical reasons certified by a veterinarian. The county also offers low-cost spay and neuter programs for residents.

<https://www.peta.org/issues/animal-companion-issues/ordinances/spay-neuter-palm-beach-county-florida/>

Cost Benefit:

The Ordinance is not expected to raise substantial revenues. It is not expected to impact local businesses. It is intended to encourage better care of personal pets.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The City Commission considers the attached ordinance.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance