



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 26-00125

Agenda Date: 2/24/2026

Agenda Item Name:

Public Hearing – CH 72 Animal Code Revision for Animal Enforcement

Presenter:

Gina Peebles – Interim Animal Resources Director

Description:

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Recommended Action:

Approve the CH 72 Animal Code revisions for Animal Enforcement as presented.

Prior Board Motions:

Jan. 27, 2026 – Authorize the “Request to Advertise” for the required Public Hearing to amend CH. 72 of the Alachua County Code

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety and Social Justice

Background:

At the Aug. 5, 2025 Budget meeting, the Board discussed transferring animal enforcement responsibilities to the Sheriff's Office.

On Jan. 27, 2026, the Board approved a hybrid enforcement model wherein the Sheriff's Office would assume responsibility for criminal animal enforcement, including serving as the initial point of contact for animal bites and dog fighting cases, while the County would retain responsibility for civil animal enforcement, including serving as the initial point of contact for sick wildlife and animal abuse or neglect matters. At that same meeting, the Board approved a “Request to Advertise” for today's required Public Hearing to amend CH. 72 of the Alachua County Code to allow for the Sheriff to issue citations for civil infractions observed during criminal investigations.