

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CITY OF BRYAN ANIMAL ORDINANCE



The City of Bryan wants your input! In an effort to update the City's existing animal ordinance to better reflect adherence to state law, support community needs, and promote best practices in addressing common concerns, a number of updates are proposed.

The Animal Center Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of the Municipal Office Building. Citizens who wish to share feedback are invited to do so during the hear citizens portion of the meeting. If you are unable to attend this public meeting but still wish to provide feedback, you may submit your input in writing to animalservices@bryantx.gov now through October 19, 2018. Additional information, including the full animal ordinance, is available for viewing at bryantx.gov/animalordinance.

ARTICLE I. GENERAL

Sec. 10-2 Enforcement: <Page 5>

- (d) Unlawful for animal or community caregivers to intentionally deceive or mislead ACO's
- (e) The ability to banish an animal(s) after numerous nuisance complaints

Sec. 10-10 Animals creating a nuisance: <Page 8>

- Update nuisance for barking/noise and unsanitary conditions that affects neighbors

ARTICLE II. DOGS AND CATS

Sec. 10-53 Nuisances: <Page 12>

- (d) Prohibiting individuals to feed cat colonies who are not the caregiver
- (e) Requiring cat colonies to be relocated after substantial nuisance complaints

Sec. 10-54 Community Cats: <Page 12>

- (a) Clarifies procedures for community cats that are impounded for nuisance complaints

Sec. 10-57 Over 4 Permit: <Page 13>

- (c) Sets requirements for fees and inspections; as well as the ability for the City to waive these requirements under certain circumstances.

ARTICLE III. DANGEROUS DOGS AND INHUMANE TREATMENT

Division 1. Dangerous Dogs: <Page 14>

- This Division is updated to better align with state law, clarify hearing procedures, owner requirements, and organize language so that it is easier for citizen to follow.

Sec. 10-92. Requirement for owner of dangerous dogs: <Page 16>

- (a) Adds the requirement that the dog must be microchipped and sterilized if intact

Division 2. Inhumane Treatment of Animals:

Sec. 10-103 Inhumane Treatment, generally: <Page 20>

- (b) Establishes the ability to issue citations based on pain/suffering, deprivation of food/vet care/shelter, and unreasonable confinement.

Sec. 10-104 Tethering: <Page 20>

- (b) Revises based on state law, with staff recommendations

Sec. 10-108 Animals left in vehicles: <Page 21>

- (a) Includes minimum confinement time, changes ambient temperature, and addresses the ability for staff to take action

Sec. 10-110 Animals in trucks and trailers: <Page 21>

- Proposed: It will be illegal to transport animals in an open/flatbed truck (similar to City of College Station)

ARTICLE IV. LIVESTOCK, FOWL, AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS

Sec. 10-33 Keeping of livestock: <Page 22-23>

- (a) Livestock can only be on property zoned AO, unless lawfully grandfathered.
- (c) Livestock cannot be on property without owner's permission
- (g) Establishes process to deal with nuisance livestock seized and impounded

Sec. 10-134 Fowl: <Page 24>

- (b) Regulating the housing of chickens, setting limits from dwelling and neighbors
- (c) Roosters will not be allowed in City

Sec. 10-135 Rabbits: <Page 24>

- Proposed: Added to regulate rabbits (similar to City of College Station)

Sec. 10-136 Ferrets: <Page 24-25>

- Proposed: Added to regulate ferrets (similar to City of College Station)

Sec. 10-137 Beekeeping: <Page 25>

- Proposed: Added to regulate Beekeeping, set distance requirements and nuisance abatement