

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KING GEORGE COUNTY
VIRGINIA

OA-03-25

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of King George County, in the Boardroom of the Administration Building in King George, Virginia, on the 07th day of October 2025:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
Cathy Binder	Aye
T.C. Collins	Aye
William Davis	Aye
David Sullins	Aye
Kenneth Stroud	Aye

Motion was made by Supervisor Stroud, seconded by Supervisor Binder, which carried 5-0, to adopt the following ordinance amendment:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 – ANIMALS OF THE KING GEORGE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTIONS 3-4 AND 3-5 RELATING TO STERILIZATION DEPOSITS AND RABID ANIMAL QUARANTINE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of King George County, Virginia, is authorized by Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia to enact local ordinances relating to the regulation of animals within the County; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 3.2-6579 authorizes localities and releasing agencies to require a fee or deposit to ensure sterilization of adopted animals; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 3.2-6522 provides for the confinement and quarantine of animals that may have exposed persons to rabies, and authorizes localities to provide for costs associated with quarantine; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds it necessary and appropriate to amend Chapter 3 of the King George County Code of Ordinances to establish a sterilization deposit requirement for unaltered adopted animals and to provide for quarantine procedures and associated costs for rabid animals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the King George County Board of Supervisors, that Chapter 3 of the King George County Code of Ordinances is amended to add the following sections:

Chapter 3 – Animals

Sec. 3-4. Sterilization Deposit.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 3.2-6579, a releasing agency or the County may charge and collect from the new owner a fee or deposit prior to releasing any unaltered dog or cat for adoption, to ensure sterilization.

- (a) A mandatory cash deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be required for any animal adopted without prior alteration.
- (b) The deposit shall be refunded to the adopter upon submission of satisfactory proof to the County Animal Control Office that the adopted animal has been spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian within the timeframe specified by the adoption agreement.
- (c) Failure to provide proof of sterilization within the required timeframe shall result in forfeiture of the deposit.
- (d) All funds forfeited under this section shall be retained by the County and applied in accordance with state law for the purpose of defraying the cost of spaying and neutering animals.

Sec. 3-5. Rabid Animals; Quarantine.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 3.2-6522(E), the County adopts the following provisions for the handling and confinement of animals that may have exposed a person to rabies.

- (a) Any animal that may have exposed a person to rabies shall, at the discretion of the local health director, be confined under competent observation for a period of ten (10) days.
- (b) The owner or custodian of the animal shall be responsible for all costs associated with the quarantine. The fee for quarantine shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per day, not to exceed ten (10) days.
- (c) The local health director or designee shall be provided access to the confined animal for observation during the quarantine period.
- (d) Any seriously injured or sick animal may be euthanized as provided by Virginia Code § 3.2-6546.
- (e) In determining whether a dog that has bitten a person shall be confined under this section, the health director shall weigh any proof that the dog has current certificates for both (i) rabies vaccination and (ii) special training for police work, military work, or work as a first responder.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 07 day of October 2025.

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By: William S. Davis

William S. Davis, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Matthew J. Smolnik

King George County Administrator

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