

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: January 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Amendment to Animal Ordinance (Chapter 16 of the Henderson County Code)

PRESENTER: Charles Russell Burrell

ATTACHMENT(S): Ordinance Amendment

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

On January 3, 2022, the Board voted to amend the Animal Ordinance, particularly with regard to “wolf hybrids”. Attached is proposed language to carry out the Board’s direction.

County staff will be present and prepared if requested to give further information on this matter.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Adoption of language amending the ordinance

If the Board is so inclined, the following motion is suggested:

I move that the Board adopt the Ordinance Amendment

**Henderson County
North Carolina**

Before the Board of Commissioners

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENACTMENT 2022-_____

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Henderson County desire to amend their Code of Ordinance, as in the best interest of the residents of the County, as follows;

THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Henderson County hereby ORDAINS as follows:

Section 16-1 of the Henderson County Code is amended by amending the definitions listed below, by striking the same, and by adopting in lieu thereof the following:

(18) Dog – A canine of either sex.

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(26) Hybrid - A "hybrid" is an animal which is the product of the breeding of a domesticated animal with a non-domesticated animal, but not including wolves.

...

(29) Inherently Dangerous Animal- Any live animal, including hybrids, which due to their inherent nature, may be considered dangerous to humans and include but is not limited to:

a. Canidae, including any member of the dog (canid) family not customarily domesticated by man, or any hybrids thereof, but not including either domestic dogs (Canis Familiaris) or hybrids of domestic dogs and wolves.

b. Felidae, including any member of the cat family weighing over 15 pounds not customarily domesticated by man, or any hybrids thereof, but not including domestic cats (Felis catus).

c. Ursidae, including any member of the bear family, or any hybrids thereof.

d. Venomous Reptiles.

Adopted on _____.

Henderson County Board of Commissioners Chair