

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-52

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY, CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, PART II, CHAPTER 14 “ANIMALS”, ARTICLE X “IMPOUNDMENT AND ADOPTION” BY REPEALING AND DELETING THE EXISTING SECTION 14-253.1 “MICROCHIP IMPLANT OF DOGS IMPOUNDED FOR RUNNING AT LARGE, ETC.” AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 14-253.1 “MICROCHIP IMPLANT OF DOGS IMPOUNDED FOR RUNNING AT LARGE, ETC.”; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING LAWS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CLAYTON COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED

Section 1. The Code of Clayton County, Georgia, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Part II, Chapter 14 “Animals”, Article X “Impoundment and Adoption”, by repealing and deleting the existing Section 14-253.1 “Microchip implant of dogs impounded for running at large, etc.” and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 14-253.1 “Microchip implant of dogs impounded for running at large, etc.” to read as follows:

“Sec. 14-253.1. Microchip implant of dogs impounded for running at large, etc.

- (a) When claimed by the owner, any dog that was impounded for being at large shall have a microchip identifier implanted and the owner's contact information recorded by animal control before the dog is released to the owner. The \$15.00 cost of the microchip implanting shall be paid by the owner before the dog is released. The microchip implant will facilitate the return of the dog to its owner should the dog be impounded again. If the dog already has a microchip that is readable by the animal

control unit with existing technology, the owner's information shall be updated to facilitate the future return of the animal to the owner.

- (b) Animal control shall enter the owners contact information and the identification number of the microchip implanted into the dog into an animal recovery data base so that the owner can be located should the animal be impounded again by animal control.
- (c) In addition to dogs impounded for running at large, any dog impounded for an unprovoked attack, bite dogs and vicious dogs, shall likewise have a microchip implanted at the owners expense when the dog is reclaimed by the owner and the owner's contact information and the identification of the dog shall be entered into the animal recovery data base by animal control.
- (d) Any dog that has had a microchip implanted pursuant to this section that is later sold, adopted, traded, or otherwise released to new owners, persons, kennels, or any other businesses or shelters shall be reported by the original registered owner to the animal control unit within ten days of such sale or release.
- (e) Any facility operated, owned, or maintained by a duly incorporated humane society, animal welfare society, or other nonprofit organization for the purposes of providing and promoting the welfare, protection, and humane treatment of animals shall be exempt from this provision.”

Section 2. All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

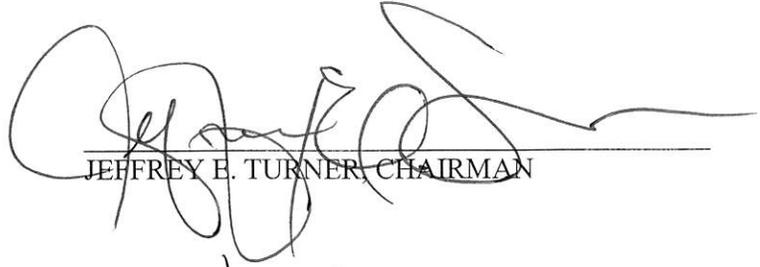
Section 3. If any part of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the remainder of this enactment, and such remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

[Signatures on following page]

SO ORDAINED, this the 3rd day of March, 2015.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



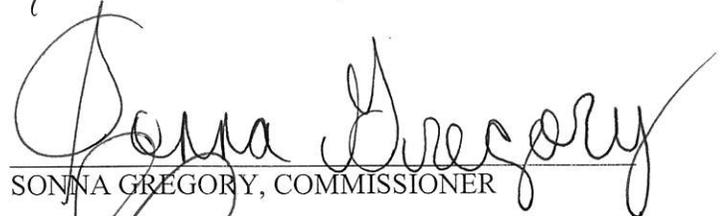
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