



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

March 11, 2021

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

FROM: Yolanda G. Martinez, EdPhD., PhD., Director 
Health Services Department

SUBJECT: Retail Pet Stores in Orange County
Work Session – March 23, 2021

On March 23, 2021, the Board will hold a work session addressing retail pet stores in Orange County. Several counties and municipalities have adopted ordinances prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats. This policy approach is aimed at reducing the demand for dogs and cats sourced from commercial breeders.

Staff will provide a presentation covering an overview of the commercial breeding industry, regulatory framework applicable to retail pet sales, and state policies pertaining to the issue.

The purpose of the presentation is to seek Board input regarding the desire to advance potential code amendments.

The work session is for informational purposes only; no board action will be requested.

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C: Danny Banks, Deputy County Administrator
John Goodrich, Deputy Director, Health Services Department
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