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**Public Hearing**

**MEMORANDUM**

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DATE: September 27, 2023

TO: Jennifer Lara-Klimetz, Assistant Manager and Deputy Clerk of the BCC  
Comptroller Clerk's Office

THRU: Cheryl Gillespie, Supervisor  
Agenda Development Office

FROM: Shonda White, Assistant County Attorney *SDW*  
Contact: (407) 836-7320 / Email to: shonda.white@ocfl.net

RE: **Request for Public Hearing on October 24, 2023, to Consider an Ordinance Concerning Animal Services and Dangerous Dog Proceedings in Orange County, Florida; Amending Sections 5-29, 5-31, 5-32, 5-32.1, and 5-50 of Orange County Code to Provide Additional Procedural Due Process Requirements for Classification of Dogs as Dangerous; Amending the Definition of a Dangerous Dog and Proper Enclosure of a Dangerous Dog; Removing the Definition of Potentially Dangerous Dog, and All References Therein; Providing for an Appointment of a Special Magistrate, and Two Alternate Special Magistrates; Providing the Definition of Primary Special Magistrate and Alternate Special Magistrate; Establishing the Conduct of Hearings Before the Special Magistrate; Providing the Procedural Process for Unclassified Dogs that Cause Death; Providing for Alternative Confinement and Quarantine Locations of Dangerous Dogs; Exemptions; Appeals; Unlawful Acts; and Providing for an Effective Date.**

Title of Ordinance: **AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ANIMAL SERVICES AND DANGEROUS DOG PROCEEDINGS IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-29, 5-31, 5-32, 5-32.1, AND 5-50 OF ORANGE COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASSIFICATION OF DOGS AS DANGEROUS; AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF A DANGEROUS DOG AND PROPER ENCLOSURE OF A DANGEROUS DOG; REMOVING THE**

**DEFINITION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS  
DOG, AND ALL REFERENCES THEREIN;  
PROVIDING FOR AN APPOINTMENT OF A  
PRIMARY SPECIAL MAGISTRATE, AND TWO  
ALTERNATE SPECIAL MAGISTRATES;  
PROVIDING THE DEFINITION OF PRIMARY  
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE AND ALTERNATE  
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; ESTABLISHING THE  
CONDUCT OF HEARINGS BEFORE THE  
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; PROVIDING THE  
PROCEDURAL PROCESS FOR UNCLASSIFIED  
DOGS THAT CAUSE DEATH; PROVIDING FOR  
ALTERNATIVE CONFINEMENT AND  
QUARANTINE LOCATIONS OF DANGEROUS  
DOGS; EXEMPTIONS; APPEALS; UNLAWFUL  
ACTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.**

Applicant:	Staff
Location:	All Districts
Estimated time required for public hearing:	Two minutes
Hearing controversial:	No
Advertising requirement:	Publish once in the legal notices section of a local newspaper of general circulation.
Advertising timeframe:	At least 10 days prior to the public hearing.
Hearing required by Fla. Statute # or code:	Section 125.66(2)(a), Florida Statutes (regular enactment procedure)
Spanish Contact Person:	Para más information en espanol acerca de estas reuniones publicas o de cambios por ser efectuados, favor de llamar a la Oficina de los Abogados del Condado, Roberta Alfonso, at 407-836-7320.

The following materials will be submitted as backup for this public hearing request:

1. Ordinance
2. Memorandum to the Mayor and County Commissioners

Memorandum to Jennifer Lara-Klimetz  
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***SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CLERK:***

1. Please return one executed copy of the Ordinance to Shonda White via email attachment: shonda.white@ocfl.net.

c: Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator  
Jeffrey J. Newton, County Attorney  
Danny Banks, Deputy County Administrator  
Dr. Raul Pino, Director, Health Services  
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Diane Summers, Manager, Animal Services