

August 13, 2019

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SEC. 6-146 OF THE PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY CODE TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$100 FOR DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE IN A PACK PURSUANT TO THE GRANT OF AUTHORITY IN VA. CODE SEC. 3.2-6538.

The 2019 Virginia General Assembly approved Senate Bill 1367 which authorizes a civil penalty for dogs running at large in a pack. At the July 23, 2019 Board of Supervisors Retreat, the County Attorney's Office was asked to prepare an ordinance implementing the civil penalty. Authorization to advertise the attached draft ordinance is requested.

Board of Supervisors
County of Prince George, Virginia

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George held in the Boardroom, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia this 13th day of August, 2019:

Present:

Donald R. Hunter, Chairman
Floyd M. Brown, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Alan R. Carmichael, Jr.
Marlene J. Waymack
T. J. Webb

Vote:

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On motion of _____, seconded by _____, which carried unanimously, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SEC. 6-146 OF THE PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY CODE TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$100 FOR DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE IN A PACK PURSUANT TO THE GRANT OF AUTHORITY IN VA. CODE SEC. 3.2-6538

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George this 9th day of July, 2019, does hereby authorize the advertisement of a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to Amend Sec. 6-146 of the Prince George County Code to establish a civil penalty of \$100 for dogs running at large in a pack pursuant to the grant of authority in VA. Code Sec. 3.2-6538.

A Copy Teste:

Percy C. Ashcraft
County Administrator

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Prince George County Board of Supervisors that the Code of Prince George County shall be amended to read, in part, as follows:

Sec. 6-146. - Running at large prohibited in county.

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to permit or allow such dog to run or be at large within the county. A dog shall be deemed to be at large when off the property of its owner or custodian and not under the direct control of the owner, custodian or his agent, either by leash, cord or chain. The owner or custodian of any dog found running at large in a pack shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$100 per dog payable to the treasurer. A dog shall be deemed to be running at large in a pack if it is running at large in the company of one or more other dogs that are also running at large.

(b) This section shall not apply to any person while engaged in a supervised formal obedience training class or show or during field trials training, hunting training, or while engaged in lawful hunting with a dog during open season. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog to place such dog in the custody of any other person not physically capable of maintaining effective control of such dog.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.