

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHARLESTON COUNTY CODE SECTION 3-7 TO CORRECT GRAMMATICAL ERRORS AND TO ADD TO PROVISIONS REGARDING PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

Section 1.0 Purpose of Amendment, Findings

County Council finds that there are certain grammatical errors in Section 3-7(b) of its Code of Ordinances which should be corrected, and also that it is in the best interests of public health, sanitation and safety to prohibit the sale, offering for sale, trade, barter, auction, lease, rent, give away or display for commercial purposes live Pets under certain circumstances. Therefore, Council finds that it is in the best interests of the county to amend Section 3-7(b) of its Code of Ordinances as set forth below.

Section 2.0 Text Change

1. The introductory paragraph of Section 3-7(b) of the Code of Ordinances of Charleston County is hereby amended to read as follows:
An animal control officer shall cause a summons to be issued if there is probable cause to believe that any of the following prohibited acts has occurred.
2. Section 3-7(b) is further amended by adding a new subsection number (13), to read as follows:
No person shall sell or offer for sale, trade, barter, auction, lease, rent, give away or display for commercial purposes, any live Pet on any roadside, public right of way, public property, commercial or institutional parking lot, sidewalk, or at any flea market, fair or carnival.

Section 3.0 - Definitions

The terms herein shall have meanings as ascribed to them in Chapter 3 in the Code of Ordinances of Charleston County, or if none, their ordinary common meaning.

Section 4.0 Severability

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any circumstance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, this holding does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

Section 5.0 - Effective Date

This Ordinance becomes effective upon approval following Third Reading.