

# Board of County Commissioners

## Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 5, 2010

Date Submitted: March 19, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  
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Subject: Request Board Approval to Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 08-10 and Requiring Licensing for Commercial Kennels Operating in Wakulla County

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval to advertise a public hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 08-10 and requiring licensing for commercial kennels operating in Wakulla County.

### **Background:**

The County's Animal Control Ordinance, Ordinance No. 08-10, anticipates that the County will institute a kennel licensing requirement for kennels operating within Wakulla County. The proposed Ordinance will create a licensing program for commercial kennels operating within the County. The Division of Animal Control has requested that the County adopt an ordinance creating a kennel licensing program for commercial kennels located and operating within Wakulla County.

### **Analysis:**

The proposed ordinance (Attachment #1), provides for amendments to the Wakulla County Animal Control Ordinance, Ordinance No. 08-10, creating a licensing requirement for commercial kennels in Wakulla County.

If approved, the Ordinance will amend certain definitions in the Animal Control Ordinance and add additional definitions relating to kennels. It will further require that all persons owning or operating a commercial kennel obtain a commercial kennel license to operate from the Division of Animal Control on an annual basis.

The Ordinance sets out the application requirements for a commercial kennel license, including an application fee and evidence of proper zoning. It requires all persons owning or operating commercial kennels to comply with all state and local animal control laws and ordinances, and requires such kennel owners and operators to allow the Division of Animal Control to inspect both the kennel and their records. It further provides the process for revocation of a license if the kennel is in violation of an animal control ordinance or law, and the circumstances under which a license may be denied.

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Additionally, it deletes the current provision in section 6012.3 of the Animal Control Ordinance, as it will be duplicative with the new provisions provided in the proposed Ordinance.

**Options**

1. Approve to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 08-10 and requiring licensing for commercial kennels operating in Wakulla County.
2. Do not approve to schedule nor advertise a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 08-10 and requiring licensing for commercial kennels operating in Wakulla County.
3. Board Direction.

**Recommendation**

Option #1

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed Ordinance