

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-ORD-7

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT WALTON COUNTY'S ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE AND TO ADD A DEFINITION.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to enact an ordinance adopting Walton County's animal control ordinance within the City limits area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to adopt Walton County's animal control ordinance for the purpose of making the City's animal control policies and procedures consistent with Walton County's; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Social Circle to adopt Walton County's animal control ordinance to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDNANIED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Social Circle, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by authority of same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Social Circle Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to re-adopt the Walton County Animal Control Ordinance as attached as "Exhibit A."

SECTION 2. The Social Circle Code of Ordinances is hereby amended, by adding the following definition to Section 9-002-3:

Permit. In the limited context of the Animal Control Ordinance, the word "permit" is defined to mean that the animal is at large for whatever cause, with or without knowledge or control of the owner. This is a strict liability standard.

SECTION 3. Unless otherwise provided herein, the penalties provided for violations of this Ordinance are set out in the general penalties sections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Social Circle, are under the authority of the Municipal Court as established by the Code and are hereby incorporated herein as if fully set out.

SECTION 4. Except as provided otherwise herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to the Section 2.25 of the City Charter, authority is hereby delegated to the City Clerk to cause this Ordinance to be numbered and codified in the City Code of Social Circle, Georgia, in such a way as to place this Ordinance in the Code in an organized and orderly sequence to maximize the organization of the Code. The City Clerk is authorized to designate to the City Attorney or to such other Mayor and Council approved contractors to assist in the effort to codify this provision provided the decision of the City Clerk is final as to the placement of this Ordinance within the City

Code of Social Circle, Georgia. The goal of this authorization is to codify and number this Ordinance in the Code in such a way as to be clear and orderly.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council of the City of Social Circle, Georgia.

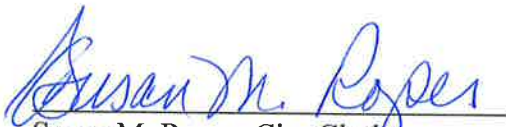
SECTION 7. It is hereby declared that if any phrase, sentence, or paragraph hereof shall be found or declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining phrases, sentences and paragraphs hereof shall remain in full force and effect as if enacted without the phrase, sentence, or paragraph declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SO ORDAINED this 18th day of December, 2018.




Hal W. Dally, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan M. Roper, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Anthony O. L. Powell, City Attorney
Webb, Tanner & Powell P.C.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting on December 18, 2018.

 4 Council members voting in favor

 0 Council members voting against

 0 Council members abstaining