

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-190-A**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 87-184, AS AMENDED, TO AMEND THE FINE SCHEDULE FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 6 (ANIMALS), ST. LUCIE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND COMPILED LAWS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, has made the following determinations:

1. On September 29, 1987, the Board adopted Resolution No. 98-184, which established penalties for violations of Article II (Animal Control) of Chapter 1-4 of the St. Lucie County Code of Ordinances and Compiled Laws.
2. On September 27, 1994, the Board Resolution No. 94-210 which established penalties for violations of provisions added to Article II of Chapter 1-4 pursuant to Ordinance No. 94-05.
3. On July 23, 2002, the Board adopted Resolution No. 02-84 which increased penalties for violation of Article II of Chapter 1-4 to reflect the increased cost of providing animal control services.
4. On April 3, 2007, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 97-010 which established a registration requirement for dogs and cats in the unincorporated areas of the County effective October 1, 2007.
5. On August 28, 2007, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-225 which increased the penalties for violation of Article II to reflect the increased cost of providing animal control services.
6. On November 27, 2007, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-369 which further established a penalty for failure to register an animal.
7. On June 17, 2014, the Board adopted Resolution No. 14-093 which further established penalties for failure to comply with animal shelter standards adopted by the Board.
8. On August 12, 2014, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 14-020 which recodified the St. Lucie County Code of Ordinances and Compiled Laws, including but not limited to Chapter 1-4 which was recodified as Chapter 6.
9. On September 15, 2015, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 15-12 which further amended Chapter 6, "Animals", of the St. Lucie County Code of Ordinances and Compiled Laws in the areas of dangerous dog classification, aggressive animal classification, animal care standards and guard registration and care.
10. It is appropriate and necessary to further amend the penalties established under Resolution No. 87-184, as amended, to reflect the new section numbers set forth in Ordinance No. 14-020, and to establish penalties for failure to comply with amendments set forth in Ordinance No. 15-12.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, Resolution No. 87-184, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

1. Section A is amended to add the following fines:

Section	Description of Offense	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
<del>1-4-17</del> <u>6-20</u>	Allowing an animal to become a public nuisance or for an Individual to create a public nuisance as defined in <del>1-4-16</del> 6-19	\$100.00	\$200.00	Mandatory Court Appearance (MCA)
<del>1-4-18</del> <u>6-21</u>	Failure to confine female animals in estrus	\$200.00	\$400.00	MCA
<del>1-4-19</del> <u>6-22</u>	Failure to keep a vicious animal confined or muzzled and under restraint	\$300.00	\$500.00	MCA
<del>1-4-20</del> <u>6-23</u>	Failure to obtain dangerous dog certificate or registration	\$100.00	\$200.00	MCA
<del>1-4-21</del> <u>6-24</u>	Failure to restrain animal when off owner's property	\$100.00	\$200.00	MCA
<del>1-4-23(a)</del> <u>6-26(a)</u> ; <u>6-26(k)</u>	Improper care or treatment of animals (sufficient food, water, shelter, and/or medical attention; rabies inoculation)	\$400.00	MCA	MCA
<del>1-4-23(b)</del> <u>6-26(b)</u>	Poisoning animals(s)	\$400.00	MCA	MCA
<del>1-4-23(c)</del> <u>6-26(c)</u>	Failure to notify owner or authorities upon injuring animal	\$100.00	MCA	MCA
<del>1-4-23(d)</del> <u>6-26(d)</u>	Teasing or molesting animal(s)	\$400.00	MCA	MCA
<del>1-4-23(e)</del> <u>6-26(e)</u> ; <u>6-26(l)</u>	<del>Allowing an animal to ride in back of vehicles without cage or restraining device</del> <u>Failure to transport animal in vehicle as set forth in Sec. 6-26(e) and/or 6-26(l)</u>	\$100.00	MCA	MCA

<u>1-4-23(f)</u> <u>6-26(f)</u>	Failure to remove animal excreta from public walks, Recreation areas or property of others	\$100.00	MCA	MCA
<u>1-4-23(g)</u> <u>6-26(g)</u>	Improperly putting an animal to death	\$400.00	MCA	MCA
<u>1-4-23(h)</u> <u>6-26(h)</u>	Improperly disposing of a dead animal	\$200.00	\$500.00	MCA
<u>1-4-23(i)</u> <u>6-26(j)</u>	Unlawful use of an animal as a prize	\$400.00	MCA	MCA
<u>6-26(m)</u>	<u>Leaving an animal unattended In a vehicle out of sight under circumstances which endanger the animal</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>MCA</u>	<u>MCA</u>
<u>1-4-24</u> <u>6-27</u>	Failure to have dog or cat Vaccinated for rabies	\$150.00	\$300.00	MCA
<u>1-4-26</u> <u>6-29</u>	Interference with duties of an animal control officer	\$200.00	\$400.00	MCA
<u>6-33(f)</u>	<u>Failure to obtain aggressive animal certificate or registration</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>MCA</u>
<u>6-34(a)</u>	<u>Failure to obtain a guard dog permit</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>MCA</u>
<u>6-34(f)</u>	<u>Failure to register a guard dog</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>MCA</u>
<u>6-34(g)</u>	<u>Failure to comply with guard dog requirements</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>MCA</u>
<u>6-34(h)</u>	<u>Failure to comply with guard dog use requirements</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>MCA</u>	<u>MCA</u>
<u>6-34(i)</u>	<u>Failure to comply with guard dog transport requirements</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>MCA</u>	<u>MCA</u>
<u>1-4-35.A</u> <u>6-85(1)</u>	<u>Animal shelter administration and record keeping</u>	\$100.00	\$200.00	MCA
<u>1-4-35.B</u> <u>6-86(2)</u>	<u>Animal shelter standard operating procedures</u>	\$200.00	\$400.00	MCA

<u>1-4-35.C</u> <u>6-86(3)</u>	<u>Animal shelter</u> population levels	\$200.00	\$400.00	MCA
<u>1-4-35.D</u> <u>6-86(4)</u>	<u>Animal shelter</u> enclosures and housing	\$200.00	\$400.00	MCA
<u>1-4-35.E</u> <u>6-86(5)</u>	Animal shelter euthanasia and spay/neuter protocols	\$200.00	\$400.00	MCA
<u>1-4-35.F</u> <u>6-86(6)</u>	Animal shelter compliance with statutory requirements	\$200.00	\$400.00	MCA

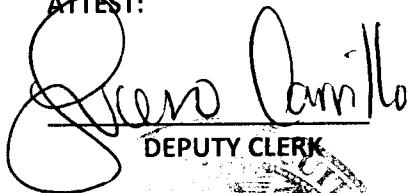
2. This resolution shall take effect upon the date of adoption.

After motion and second, the vote on Resolution was as follows:

Chair Paula A. Lewis	AYE
Vice-Chair Kim Johnson	AYE
Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky	AYE
Commissioner Tod Mowery	AYE
Commissioner Frannie Hutchinson	AYE

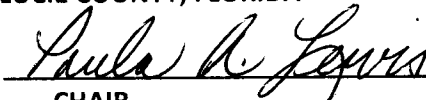
**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

ATTEST:

  
DEPUTY CLERK



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY:   
CHAIR

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND**  
**CORRECTNESS:**

  
COUNTY ATTORNEY