

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0811

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Arias

Date of Introduction: October 28, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: October 27, 2025

Type of Action: *Ordinance Code* amendment

Bill Summary: This bill amends Sections 462.106, 462.201, 462.203, 462.204, 462.205, 462.209, 462.210, 462.301, 462.302, 462.303, 462.304, 462.305, and 462.601, *Ordinance Code*

Background Information: This bill amends Section 462.106, *Ordinance Code*, to clarify standards for issuance of citations. It also amends Sections 462.201, 462.203-205, 462.209-210, *Ordinance Code*, to revise and clarify provisions related to cruelty, neglect, abandonment, and tethering of animals, to specify that animal fighting activities constitute animal cruelty, and to align the Code with the required timelines and procedures for animal custody petitions outlined in Section 828.073, *Florida Statutes*. The bill amends Sections 462.301-305 of the *Ordinance Code* to simplify the language and clarify the standards for issuing citations. It amends Section 462.601, *Ordinance Code*, to reduce the required “stray hold” period from six days to three days.

Policy Impact Area: Animal control and protection

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City

Analyst: Russell