

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-794

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gay

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: October 15, 2025

Type of Action: *Ordinance Code* amendment

Bill Summary: This bill repeals and replaces Part 10 (Pet Shops and Animal Dealers), Chapter 462 (Animals), *Ordinance Code*.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to update standards to address the changing needs of the community and individuals and entities housing and/or breeding animals. With this bill, Part 10, *Ordinance Code* is replaced to address the ratio of employees/persons present and available within an animal care organization to appropriately maintain animals in their care using a formula of Staffing Capacity = Average number of animals housed per day multiplied by .25 and then divided by the number of hours per shift. The bill further outlines definitions for animal dealers and hobby breeders, required permits for such, standard of care and habitats, sanitation requirements, veterinary care, inspections, citations and grounds for suspension and revocation of permits.

Policy Impact Area: Pet Shops and Animal Dealers

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey