

Resolution 8-1

WHEREAS, Sangamon County Public Health Department requests incorporating new language into current County Code 6.04.095A Animal Considered a Nuisance regarding law enforcement and/or animal control response to any animal creating a disturbance in any place, neighborhood, or area of unincorporated Sangamon County; and

WHEREAS, the additional language in County Code 6.04.095A would be reflected in subsection 6 under previously mentioned County Code; and

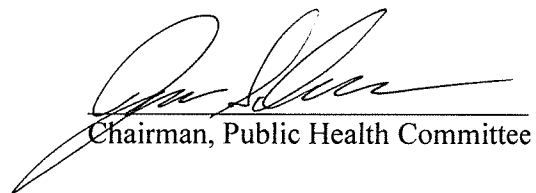
WHEREAS, the suggested additional language would read as follows:

6. Creates a disturbance distressing or loud in nature which intrudes upon the peace or quiet of unincorporated Sangamon County, lasts longer than 10 minutes, and is documented by law enforcement and/or animal control.

This subsection does not apply to animals defined as "livestock" in Chapters 505 through 510 ILCS; and

WHEREAS, creating such additional language within County Code 6.04.095 would allow for Sangamon County to match current language in the City of Springfield Code of Ordinances Title IX, Article 1. General Provisions, 91.01 Definitions for Disturbance under Animal Control.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Sangamon County Board, in session this 14th day of May, 2024, as part of an initiative responding to public comment regarding the narrow scope of County Code regulation of animal nuisance and also an effort to align policy and code between Sangamon County and the City of Springfield, that County Code 6.04.095A be amended by adding subsection 6 as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto.


Chairman, Public Health Committee

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

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Exhibit A

6.04.095 Animal Considered A Nuisance

A. No person owning, possessing, or harboring any animal within unincorporated Sangamon County shall permit said animal to become a nuisance. An animal, other than a dog trained for law enforcement in the performance of its duty, shall be considered a nuisance if said animal:

1. Substantially damages real or personal property other than the owner's;
2. Causes unsanitary, dangerous, or unreasonably offensive conditions.

This subsection does not apply to animals defined as "livestock" in Chapters 505 through 510 ILCS;

3. Chases vehicles;
4. Chases, molests, attacks, bites, interferes with or physically intimidates any person while on or off the premises of the owner;
5. Chases, molests, attacks, bites, interferes with other domestic animals while off the premises of the owner; or
6. Creates a disturbance distressing or loud in nature which intrudes upon the peace or quiet of unincorporated Sangamon County, that lasts longer than 10 minutes, and is documented by law enforcement and/or animal control.

This subsection does not apply to animals defined as "livestock" in Chapters 505 through 510 ILCS.

B. The director of animal control operations, or delegate, upon reasonable grounds, shall impound any animal creating a nuisance by being in violation of subsections (A) (4) or (5) of this section and not restrained by a competent person. Any person found to be in violation of subsections (A) (4) or (5) of this section shall pay a penalty as prescribed by Section 6.04.120.

(Res. No.9, 8-9-2011)