

Meeting Date: July 25, 2017



Agenda Item #: 7E

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Contact Information:

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Type of Item:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion & Action	<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 871-17 Supporting harsher punishment for animal cruelty

BACKGROUND:

As a result of recent animal abuse incidents which have occurred in Volusia County, specifically, Ponce Inlet, an initiative was formed asking all local governments to pass resolutions urging the Florida Legislature to consider amending current animal cruelty laws to impose stricter, harsher punishment and penalties for acts of animal cruelty.

Ponce Inlet, Oak Hill and Daytona Beach Shores have already passed such a resolution and have asked for the City Council's support in passing a similar resolution. This resolution was prepared in anticipation of adoption and if passed, it directs the City Clerk to send it to the governor, and our state representatives.

COUNCIL DISTRICT:

City Wide

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adopt Resolution No. 871-17

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 817-17

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STRATEGIC PLAN:

RESOLUTION NO. 871-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA URGING MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION AMENDING CURRENT ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS TO IMPOSE STRICTER, HARSHER PUNISHMENT AND PENALTIES FOR ACTS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY.

WHEREAS, it is a priority of the City of Orange City to promote the health, safety, and welfare of animals in the City and within the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, animals are sentiment beings and deserve protection; and

WHEREAS, animal cruelty is a shameful act and no animal should feel endangered from abuse, forced violence, or neglect; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports legislative efforts to impose harsher penalties on those who engage in acts of animal cruelty; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports legislative efforts to improve the quality of life for all animals through love, compassion, education, and legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the Orange City Council hereby urges members of the Florida Legislature to consider amending the penalty listed in F.S. 828.12(2) for commission of aggravated animal cruelty from a third degree felony to a second degree felony.

SECTION 2. That the Orange City Council hereby urges members of the Florida Legislature to consider imposing stricter, harsher punishment and penalties for acts of animal cruelty.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Rick Scott, State Representative Tom Leek, State Representative Paul Renner, State Representative David Santiago, State Representative Patrick Henry, State Senator Dorothy Hukill, State Senator David Simmons, County of Volusia Chair, and all municipal Mayors within Volusia County.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS (Resolution No. 871-17 YR):

_____	Jim Mahoney	_____	Anthony Pupello
_____	Bill O'Connor	_____	Evelyn Robinson
_____	Jeff Allebach	_____	O. William Crippen, Vice Mayor
_____	Gary A. Blair, Mayor		

ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 2017

ATTEST:

AUTHENTICATED:

Gloria J. Thomas, CMC, City Clerk

Gary A. Blair, Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

William E. Reischmann, Jr., City Attorney