

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The Proposed Ordinance would add the following Sections to Title 9, Chapter 9.04 of the Ordinance Code of the County of Fresno: (1) Section 9.04.270 Running at large – Spaying and Neutering Prior to Redemption, which amends the ordinance to require mandatory spaying or neutering of any unlicensed unaltered impounded dog unless medically waived by a licensed veterinarian; and (2) Section 9.04.275 – Running at large – Microchip Identification required Prior to Redemption which requires a microchip implanted in dogs three months or older upon arrival at the county animal shelter. The Proposed ordinance would revise or update terminology in various Sections within Chapter 9.04 Dog Licensing and Control and would (1) bring the ordinance code into compliance with California law; (2) change the penalty for a violation of certain provisions with Chapter 9.04 from a misdemeanor to an infraction. The Proposed Ordinance amends the following Sections: (1) Section 9.04.050 – Kennel License – which amends the language to require a kennel license in lieu of individual licensing of four or more dogs kept for breeding, boarding, training or other commercial purposes; (2) Section 9.04.055 – Unlawful conduct in the care of animals, cruelty, in title and amends the language allowing the County a broader range of enforcement options. The Proposed Ordinance amends Chapter 9.12 Estray-Impoundment Section 9.12.030 – Taking up-Care-Disposition, which amends the language to designate properly equipped individuals to capture and transport livestock that are running at large. The Proposed Ordinance deletes Section 9.04.500 – Violation – Misdemeanor of Chapter 9.04 – Dog Licensing and Control.