

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

2010 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. : July 13, 2010

Bill No.: 1184

Expiration Date: September 16, 2010

Introduced by: Mr. Duncan, Mr. Foster, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Pack

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-14, TALBOT COUNTY CODE, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SEMI-ANNUAL AND AN ANNUAL MEETING EACH YEAR OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

By the Council: July 13, 2010

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By Order Susan W. Moran
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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| Boldface | Heading or defined term. |
| <u>Underlining</u> | Added to existing law by original bill. |
| Strikethrough | Deleted from existing law by original bill. |
| <u>Double underlining</u> | Added to bill by amendment. |
| Double strikethrough | Deleted from bill by amendment. |
| * * * | Existing law unaffected. |

SECTION ONE: BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Chapter 15, Section 15-14, of the Talbot County Code entitled *Animals* shall be and is hereby amended as set forth herein.

1 **Article II. Animal Control Board**

2 **§ 15-14. Establishment**

3 A. Members. The Animal Control Board shall consist of five permanent members and two
4 alternate members appointed by the County Council. The Board shall be composed of at least
5 one veterinarian or veterinary technician, one member of the agricultural community, and other
6 persons having specialized knowledge or expertise relevant to the Board's functions. Three
7 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each member shall be an
8 adult resident of Talbot County. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled
9 to reimbursement for reasonable expenses duly approved by the Finance Officer.

10 B. Term. Each member shall serve for a term of three years or until a successor is appointed,
11 except that the first term shall be as follows: one member for one year, two members for two
12 years, and two members for three years. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

13 C. Officers. The Board shall annually select a Chairman and any other officers deemed
14 necessary.

15 D. Meetings. The Animal Control Board shall meet ~~at least semiannually, and~~ upon the call
16 of the Chairman or any two members.

17 ~~(1) On or before January 15 of each year, the Animal Control Board shall meet with the~~
18 ~~Animal Control Authority, the Animal Control Officer, and any law enforcement agency in the~~
19 ~~County electing to participate. The time, date, location, and purpose of the meeting shall be~~
20 ~~advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least once a week for two~~
21 ~~successive weeks prior to the meeting.~~

22 ~~(2) At such meeting, the Animal Control Board shall conduct a single, annual,~~
23 ~~comprehensive review of this chapter, implementation policies and procedures, and shall provide~~
24 ~~an annual report to the County Council containing recommendations required by § 15-15 and~~
25 ~~such other information and recommendations as the Animal Control Board may consider~~
26 ~~appropriate.~~

27 E. Rules of procedure. The Animal Control Board shall adopt rules of procedure
28 governing its proceedings, which shall have the force and effect of law when approved by
29 resolution of the Council.

SECTION TWO: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.

SECTION THREE: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time, date, and place of hearing, and Title of Bill No. 1184 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 N. Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

ENACTED: August 10, 2010

By Order *Susan W. Moran*
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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| Harrison | - | Aye |
| Pack | - | Aye |
| Duncan | - | Absent |
| Foster | - | Aye |
| Bartlett | - | Aye |