



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

File #: 3220, Version: 1

Subject:

Proposed Amendment to Section 14-36, Brevard County Code, to include a definition of the term sutures.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Dept/Office:

County Attorney's Office on behalf of District 4

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 14, Article II of the Brevard County Code to include a definition of the term sutures in Section 14-36, Brevard County Code.

Summary Explanation and Background:

On August 3, 2021, the Board approved legislative intent and permission to advertise an amendment to Section 14-36, Brevard County Code, to include a definition of the term sutures.

The Florida Legislature has in place Chapters 767 and 828, Florida Statutes, that provide authority for local governments to adopt and implement certain animal control regulations, including those pertaining to dangerous dog classifications. Despite having these regulations in place, the Florida Legislature does not define the term "sutures" for purposes of the State's dangerous dog regulations or, more generally, animal control regulations. As a result, the need for a definition of "sutures" is imperative to ensure dog attacks that result in severe injuries are properly handled under the County's dangerous dog process. Without a definition of sutures, the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens, visitors, and domestic animals of Brevard County is put at risk.

Due to medical advancements and improved techniques for the treatment of injuries, the County finds it necessary and proper to amend Section 14-36, Brevard County Code, entitled "Definitions," in order to adopt a definition of "sutures." Such a definition will help effectuate and clarify applicable animal control regulations and ensure severe injuries caused by dog attacks are appropriately addressed.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Upon approval by the Board, execution by the Chair and attestation by the Clerk, file the ordinance with the Department of State as required by law within the 10 day deadline.