

LOWNDES COUNTY RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LOWNDES COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP INCLUDING THE CONTROL OF DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOGS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

IT HEREBY IS ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County, pursuant to authority vested by law and Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as follows:

I. TITLE

- a. This Ordinance shall be known as the “Lowndes County Responsible Dog Ownership Ordinance.”

II. PURPOSE AND INTENT

- a. The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for responsible dog ownership as authorized by the Georgia Responsible Dog Ownership Law.

III. ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

- a. The Animal Control Board of Lowndes County is hereby disbanded and terminated.

IV. DEFINITIONS

- a. When used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
 - 1. *Animal* means any live creature, both domestic and wild, except humans. *Animal* includes birds, fish, and reptiles.
 - 2. *Animal Services* means the Animal Services Department of Lowndes County.
 - 3. *Animal Services Officer* means an employee of Lowndes County authorized to issue citations under the Lowndes County Animal Services Ordinance.
 - 4. *Animal Shelter* means the Lowndes County Animal Shelter.
 - 5. *Board of Commissioners* means the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County.
 - 6. *Certificate of Registration* means a current, valid Certificate of Registration issued pursuant to this Ordinance by a Dog Control Officer for the possession of a classified dog.
 - 7. *Classified Dog* means any dog that has been classified as either a dangerous dog or vicious dog pursuant to this Ordinance or any other Lowndes County Ordinance.
 - 8. *County* means Lowndes County.