

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
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TO: Honorable Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Tad Stone, Director
Department of Emergency Services

FROM: Erin Sawyer, Staff Assistant IV
Department of Emergency Services

DATE: April 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Amendments to Chapter 302 (Animal Control Ordinance) of the Indian River Code of Ordinances

It is respectfully requested that the information contained herein be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

Pursuant to Chapter 302 (Animal Control Ordinance) of the Indian River Code of Ordinances (the Code) there are current restrictions within the code that place cats (*felis catus*) and dogs (*canis lupus familiaris*) under the same requirement of restraint or what is commonly referred to as a leash law. County staff believes that cats (*felis catus*) should be removed from the requirements of the code that reference the restraint or more commonly referred to as leash law. County staff recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners authorize County staff and the County Attorney's Office to draft an ordinance that removes such language from the existing code.

FUNDING:

Funding for the advertising costs of a public hearing will be made available in the General Fund/County Animal Control/Legal Ads, account number 00125062-034910.

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER
General Fund / County Animal Control / Legal Ads	00125062-034910

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board authorize County staff to set a public hearing to consider making technical changes to Chapter 302 of the Indian River Code of Ordinances.