

## Chapter 4 ANIMALS<sup>1</sup>

### Sec. 4-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known as the Oconee County Animal Control Act.  
(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 1, 2-1-2005)

### Sec. 4-2. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

~~*Abandoned or stray animal* means any animal unattended for a period of more than three days.~~

*Abandoned animal* means an animal that has been deserted, forsaken, or given up without another owner being secured. An abandoned animal is also one that has not been provided regular access to adequate and appropriate food, water, shelter, and care. Cats subject to an approved community cat program or trap, neuter, spay, and release program are not considered abandoned animals.

*Adequate shelter* means that shelter which will keep a non-aquatic animal dry, out of the direct path of winds, out of direct sun, and at a temperature that is healthful for the animal. The containment area for the animal shall be free of accumulated waste and debris so that the animal shall be free to walk or lie down without coming in contact with waste or debris; shall be free of unsanitary conditions which result in offensive odors or are dangerous to the animal or to public health, welfare or safety; and shall be as free of ticks, fleas, flies, and mosquitoes as reasonably possible. A suitable method of drainage shall be provided to eliminate any excess water or moisture rapidly. Aquatic and semi-aquatic animals shall have an adequate amount of clean water in which to move. For dogs outside and unattended, adequate shelter shall meet the following minimum standards:

1. The shelter shall be a waterproof and windproof structure of suitable size to accommodate the dog and allow retention of body heat. It shall be made of durable material with a solid, waterproof floor raised at least three (3) inches from the ground. A dog house shall not be constructed of metal (unless properly insulated) or any other material that readily conducts heat or cold.

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<sup>1</sup>Cross reference(s)—Environment, ch. 12.

State law reference(s)—Authority to provide for control of dogs and other domestic pets, S.C. Code 1976, § 47-3-10 et seq.; rabies control, S.C. Code 1976, §§ 47-5-10—47-5-210.

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2. At or below thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit, the structure shall be provided with a sufficient quantity of dry bedding material or other means of protection from the weather that will allow the animal to retain body heat.

3. At or above eighty degrees Fahrenheit, each dog must be afforded one or more separate areas of shade large enough to accommodate the entire body of the dog at one time to ensure protection from the direct rays of the sun.

*Animal* means ~~every nonhuman species of animal.~~ a living vertebrate creature, excepting homo-sapiens.

*Animal at large* means any animal not under the restraint of a person capable of controlling the animal and/or off the premises of the owner. A community cat is not considered an animal at large.

*Animal control officer* means any person designated by the State of South Carolina or county governing authority of Oconee County as a law enforcement officer pursuant to S.C. Code 1976, § 47-3-30.

*Animal rescuer* means any recognized group or person who routinely obtains an unwanted dog or cat and ~~for~~ who promptly finds an adoptive home for that spayed or neutered dog or cat.

*Animal shelter* means any premises designated by the county governing body for the purpose of impounding, care, or ~~destruction~~ humane euthanasia of animals held under authority of this chapter and/or state law.

*Community cat* means any free-roaming cat found outside, which one or more citizens participate in caring for. Citizens that partake in caring for a community cat must ensure that the cat's ears are tipped so that it can be distinguished from owned or stray cats. Community cats must also be spayed or neutered and vaccinated to prevent the spread of disease to owned animals.

*Dangerous animal* means an animal:

- (1) Which the owner knows or reasonably should know has a propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked or cause injury or otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals;
- (2) Which makes an unprovoked attack that causes bodily injury to a human being and the attack occurs in a place other than the place where the animal is confined as required by S.C. Code 1976, § 47-3-720;
- (3). Which commits unprovoked acts in a place other than the place where the animal is confined as required by S.C. Code 1976, § 47-3-720, and those acts cause a person to reasonably believe that the animal will attack and cause bodily injury to a human being;
- (4) Which is owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of fighting or which is trained for fighting; or
- (5) Which attacks, bites, or injures a human being or domesticated animal without adequate provocation, or which, because of temperament, conditioning or training, has a known propensity to attack, bite, or injure human beings or domesticated animals.

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An animal is not a dangerous animal solely by virtue of its breed or species.

~~Humane Society means the South Carolina Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.~~

~~Humane Society officer means any officer or employee of the Humane Society.~~

*Owner* means any person, partnership, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring one or more animals. An animal, excluding a community cat, shall be declared to be harbored if it is fed for three consecutive days or more, unless said person, partnership or corporation has notified animal control to pick up the stray animal.

*Pet or companion animal* means any animal kept for pleasure rather than utility; an animal of a species that has been bred and raised to live in or about the habitation of humans and is dependent on people for food and shelter.

*Potentially dangerous animal* means an animal that, without provocation, chases or approaches any person or domestic animal, anywhere other than on the property of the owner, in a menacing fashion or with an apparent attitude of attack, including, but not limited to, behavior such as growling or snarling.

*Public nuisance animal* means any animal, ~~except those raised for food and/or food products~~, that unreasonably annoys humans, endangers the life or health of other citizens (other than its owners), or interferes with a citizen's enjoyment of life or property. The term "public nuisance animal" means and includes, but is not limited to, any animal that:

- (1) Is found at large after a written complaint has been filed;
- (2) Damages the property of anyone other than its owner;
- (3) Molests or intimidates pedestrians or passersby;
- (4) Excessively makes disturbing noises, including, but not limited to, continued and repeated howling, barking, whining, or other utterances causing unreasonable annoyance, disturbance, or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored; (Refer to Chapter 12, Article 2 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances for additional provisions related to noise disturbance. As all animal noise violations will be prosecuted under Chapter 12, Article 2);
- (5) Causes fouling of the air off the premises of the owner by odor resulting from failure to remove feces every 24 hours or washing of same into an approved underground disposal ~~systems~~system every 24 hours, excepting animals lawfully raised for food or food products;
- (6) Has been found by the animal control officer after notice of its owner to be a public nuisance animal by virtue of being a menace to the public health, welfare, or safety; or
- (7) ~~Does~~A dog or cat that does not have attached a valid current rabies inoculation tag as required by state law.

*Under restraint.* An animal shall be deemed under restraint if it is on the premises of its owner or ~~keeper~~custodian or is accompanied by its owner or ~~keeper~~custodian and under the physical control of such owner or ~~keeper~~custodian by means of a ~~restraining devices, or under the verbal command, or~~

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~~under the active control of the owner or trainer while device. This section does not apply to dogs lawfully engaged in hunting or being trained and while on property of the owner or with the property owner's permission.~~  
(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 2, 2-1-2005)

### **Sec. 4-3. Authority.**

This chapter is adopted pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code 1976, § 47-3-20 et seq.  
(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 3, 2-1-2005)

### **Sec. 4-4. Restraint.**

- (a) All owned animals shall be kept under restraint.
- (b) No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his animal to prevent it from being a public nuisance.
- (c) ~~Every~~ Owners shall ensure that if their female dog or cat is in heat, it shall be confined in a building or secure enclosure in such a manner that such female dog or cat cannot come into contact with another animal except for planned breeding.
- (d) Every dangerous animal and potentially dangerous animal, as determined under this chapter, shall be confined by the owner within a building or secure enclosure and shall be securely muzzled or caged whenever off the premises of its owner.
- (e) Owners shall ensure their animals are restrained in a humane manner.
- (f) If a dog must be restrained by means other than a fence or other humane enclosure, a tethering system must be used that meets the following criteria:
  - (1) The tether should be at least 10 feet in length.
  - (2) The tether should not be a logging chain, tow chain, or other tether that is of a weight that is likely to cause injury to the dog;
  - (3) The tether should have swivels on both ends and allow the dog to have the highest degree of movement practicable without becoming entangled; 360 degrees is ideal. This is best accomplished by using a single stake system with swivel on top to allow the dog free movement. A secondary option is to have the dog tether, with swivels, attached to a trolley system that allows the dog to move freely along a runner line. The trolley system should be at least three feet above the ground.
  - (4) The tether must allow the dog free access to food, potable water, and adequate shelter (as defined in Section 4-2 of this Chapter).
  - (5) The tether must be attached to a properly fitting collar or harness so that there is no harm to the dog.
  - (6) If more than one dog is tethered in the same area, they must be separated to prevent entanglement.

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(7) If an underground or wireless fence is used to restrain a dog(s), the fence and appurtenances must be properly maintained so as to keep the dog(s) within the enclosed area and the fence must be capable of restraining the animal confined.

(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 4, 2-1-2005)

**Sec. 4-5. Biting or attacking persons.**

All animal bites or injuries to a human being shall be reported by medical personnel with knowledge of the bite or injury to the rabies control officer in the department of health and environmental control. Whenever the animal control ~~officer or Humane Society~~ officer is notified and shown that an animal has bitten or attacked a person, such officer shall promptly notify the county department of health and environmental control of such bite or attack and shall cooperate with the health department in impounding and quarantining such animal.

(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 5, 2-1-2005)

**Sec. 4-6. Impoundment and violation notice.**

- (a) (1) Unrestrained and nuisance animals, upon receipt of a written complaint signed by the complainant, may be taken by law enforcement officials and/or animal control officers and impounded in the county animal shelter and there be confined in a humane manner.
- (2) In addition to, or in lieu of, impounding an animal at large, the animal control officer or lawful constable or deputy sheriff may issue to the known owner of such animal a notice of ordinance violation. ~~Such notice shall impose upon the owner a warning for a first offense. The owner shall be charged a penalty of \$100.00 for the second violation, \$125.00 for the third violation and \$150.00 for each subsequent violation. Said penalties shall be made payable to the treasurer of the county and paid at the county animal shelter within ten business days from the date of issuance in full satisfaction of the assessed penalty. In the event that such penalty is not paid within the time period described, a bench warrant shall be issued by a magistrate and, upon conviction, the owner shall be punished as provided in section 4-12.~~ Such notice shall impose upon the owner a warning for a first offense, with subsequent offenses being punishable up to the jurisdictional limits of the magistrate's court
- (3) In addition, the owner shall be required to pay a fee of ~~\$5~~10.00 per day for each day the animal is boarded by the county, actual cost for inoculation of the animal (if applicable) and a ~~\$5.00~~ impoundment fee. ~~In addition, at the discretion of the animal shelter, a fee of \$30.00 and mandatory sterilization of the animal may be required if the animal is impounded on more than one occasion. The impoundment fee shall be \$5.00 and \$25.00 shall help defray the cost of sterilization. The sterilization shall not be required if the owner or other person redeeming the animal provides a written statement from a licensed veterinarian that the spay or neuter procedure would be harmful to the~~

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~~animal due to reasons of age or health or that the animal has already been sterilized.~~ 10.00 impoundment fee. Further, a \$15.00 fee will be charged for a mandatory microchip implant for animals not previously microchipped.

- (b) Notwithstanding the above, an animal control officer and/or law enforcement officer may without written complaint impound animals not having a valid current rabies inoculation tag and found off the owner's property.
- (c) Impounded dogs and cats shall not be kept for fewer than five workingcalendar days.
- (d) If by tag or other means the owner of an impounded animal can be identified, the animal control officer shall immediately upon impoundment notify the owner by telephone or certified mail. Any identifiable animal, not appearing to be abandoned, upon notification of the owner by telephone or certified mail, shall not be kept for fewer than ten days.
- (e) Abandoned animals shall be impounded and shall be kept for no fewer than five workingcalendar days.
- (f) Any owner reclaiming an impounded dog or cat shall pay the fee provided for in subsection (a) of this section before the animal can be released.
- (g) Any owner claiming an impounded dog or cat shall show proof that the animal is currently inoculated against rabies. If such animal is not currently inoculated against rabies the owner shall cause the animal to be inoculated at the owner's expense.
- (h) Any animal not reclaimed by its owner within five workingcalendar days, or in the case of a positively identifiable animal within ten days, shall become the property of the local government authority and shall be placed for adoption in a suitable home or humanely ~~disposed~~ euthanized, as approved by state law.
- (i) The animal shelter director shall keep complete and accurate records of the care, veterinary treatment, and disposition of all animals impounded at the shelter.
- (j) It shall be unlawful for any person to release or take out of impoundment any animal without proper authority.
- (k) It shall be unlawful to resist or hinder animal control officers or law enforcement officers engaging in the capture and impoundment of an animal. ~~It shall be unlawful to give false information to an animal control officer or law enforcement officer.~~
- (l) It shall be unlawful to remove the rabies tag from the dog for which the tag was issued.

(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 6, 2-1-2005)

#### **Sec. 4-7. Dangerous animals.**

- (a) The animal control officer and law enforcement officials shall have the power to summarily and immediately impound any animal where there is any evidence that the animal has attacked, bitten, or injured any human being or domestic animal. The animal shall be kept at the county animal shelter or at a veterinarian designated by the owner at the owner's expense

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for quarantine pending a determination of the animal's status as a dangerous animal. In the event that an animal bites a member of the animal owner's family, and the animal owner requests that the animal be impounded by the animal owner, the animal control officer or law enforcement officer may, in his discretion, allow the animal owner to impound said animal on said animal owner's property.

- (b) Upon impounding a potentially dangerous animal or a dangerous animal that has attacked, bitten or injured a human being or a domestic animal, a determination hearing should be conducted within five business days of serving notice to the owner by certified mail or personal service. If the owner fails to appear at the hearing, the hearing shall nevertheless proceed and an appropriate order may be issued. The magistrate shall determine whether to declare the animal to be a dangerous animal based upon the evidence and testimony presented at the hearing by the owner, witnesses to any incidents, or any other persons possessing information pertinent to such determination, such as veterinarians or dog obedience trainers. The magistrate shall issue written findings within five business days after the hearing. The owner of such animal shall have a right to appeal the decision to the court of common pleas of the county within ten days of receiving such decision of the magistrate.
- (c) An animal determined to be dangerous as determined in subsection (b) of this section which has attacked or caused injury to a human being or a domestic animal may be ordered destroyed by the magistrate when in the magistrate's judgment the dangerous animal represents a continuing threat of serious harm to human beings or other domestic animals after the quarantine period has expired. Any dangerous animal may also be destroyed if the owner of the dangerous animal relinquishes ownership or control of the animal to the [Humane Society Animal Shelter](#) or law enforcement officer. A magistrate may return a dangerous animal to the owner if the magistrate finds that the animal will not pose a threat to human beings and/or domestic animals and that the owner has and will fully comply with subsections (d) and (e) of this section.
- (d) The owner of a dangerous animal shall secure and confine said dangerous animal on the owner's property in an enclosed pen or structure which must be secured by lock and ~~locked (with a key or combination lock).~~ The pen or structure, shall be suitable to prevent the animal from escaping ~~said pen or structure.~~ The pen or structure shall have secure sides and a secure top which protects the animal from the elements. Also, all sides must be embedded into the ground with no less than two feet unless the bottom is secured to the sides. The structure must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and provide adequate light and ventilation. The enclosure shall not be less than five feet by ten feet and not less than six feet high.
- (e) No person owning or harboring or having care of a dangerous animal may permit the animal to go beyond the person's premises unless the animal is securely muzzled and restrained with a leash or chain having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding three feet in length.
- (f) In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws § 47-3-760 (E) all dangerous animals inside Oconee County must be registered with the Oconee County Animal Control, or its successor "law enforcement authority." If the animal was deemed dangerous by an Oconee County Court, a

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copy of the court order must be kept on file. If the dangerous animal was transferred into Oconee from another county or state, documentation from that jurisdiction must be provided within 30 days. The Director of Animal Control will be responsible for maintaining records of all dangerous animals inside Oconee County. The registration application must be accompanied by proof of liability insurance or surety bond of at least fifty thousand dollars insuring or securing the owner for personal injuries inflicted by the dangerous animal. Oconee County Animal Control, or its successor, shall provide to the owner registering the dangerous animal a metal license tag and a certificate along with a designated dangerous dog collar. Fees for these items must be collected at registration. The metal license tag must be attached to a collar or harness and worn at all times by the dangerous animal for which the certificate and tag have been issued. The pen or structure must be clearly marked on 4 sides with a sign stating “dangerous animal.”

(1) Registration information required for dangerous animals:

(a) Species and breed.

(b) Address of where animal will be located.

(c) Owner information.

(d) Proof of rabies inoculation (must be submitted annually).

(e) Photo of animal (must be submitted annually).

(f) Waiver for inspections of confinement site.

(2) The owner of a dangerous animal shall notify Oconee County Animal Control if any changes occur with the following:

(a) Ownership. In the case of a change of ownership, the name, address, and telephone number of the new owner/custodian must, within 5 days of transfer, be provided to Oconee County Animal Control. Oconee County Animal Control will notify the new owner/custodian of the dangerous animal’s status, and also notify the animal control services in the jurisdiction where the animal is housed.

(b) Address change of the owner/custodian or any change in the location in which the animal is housed.

(c) Any material change in the health status of the animal.

(d) Death of the animal.

(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 7, 2-1-2005)

Cross reference(s)—Environment. ch. 12



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**Sec. 4-8. Potentially dangerous animals.**

- (a) The animal control officer or law enforcement officials shall have the power to summarily and immediately impound any animal where there is any evidence that the animal has chased or approached any person or domestic animal, on property other than the property of the owner, in a menacing fashion or with an apparent attitude of attack, including, but not limited to, behavior such as growling or snarling. The animal shall be kept at the county animal shelter or at a veterinarian designated by the owner at the owner's expense for quarantine pending determination of the animal's status as a potentially dangerous animal. The animal control officer or law enforcement officer may, in his discretion, allow the animal owner to impound said animal on said animal owner's property.
- (b) Upon impounding a potentially dangerous animal, the determination should be conducted within five days of serving notice to the owner by certified mail or personal service. If the owner fails to appear at the hearing, the hearing shall nevertheless proceed and an appropriate order may be issued. The magistrate shall determine whether to declare the animal to be a potentially dangerous animal based on the evidence of testimony presented at the hearing by the owner, witnesses to any incidences, and any other persons possessing information pertinent to such determination, such as veterinarians or dog obedience trainers. The magistrate shall issue written findings within five days after the hearing. The owner of such animal shall have the right to appeal such a decision to the court of common pleas of the county within ten days of receiving the decision of the magistrate.
- (c) Upon a finding that an animal is a potentially dangerous animal, the magistrate may order that the animal be forfeited by the owner and placed with an agency willing to accept custody of said animal or may return said animal to the owner if the owner has and will comply with subsections (d) and (e) of this section.
- (d) The owner of a potentially dangerous animal shall secure and confine said potentially dangerous animal on the owner's property in an enclosed and locked (with a key or combination lock) pen or structure, suitable to prevent the animal from escaping said pen or structure. The pen or structure shall have secure sides and a secure top which protects the animal from the elements. Also, all sides must be embedded into the ground with no less than two feet unless the bottom is secured to the sides. The structure must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and provide adequate light and ventilation. The enclosure shall not be less than five feet by ten feet and not less than six feet high.
- (e) No person owning or harboring or having care of a potentially dangerous animal may permit the animal to go beyond the person's premises unless the animal is securely muzzled and restrained with a leash or chain having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding three feet in length.

(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 8, 2-1-2005)

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**Sec. 4-9. Animal care.**

- (a) No owner shall fail to provide his animals with:
- (1) ~~The necessary~~Necessary substance and adequate shelter, as defined in Section 4-2;
  - (2) Veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering; and
  - (3) Humane care and treatment.

All animals shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. The premises upon which the animal is kept shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and provide adequate light, shelter and ventilation.

- (b) No owner of an animal shall abandon such animal. A person who returns a community cat to the location from where it was collected shall not be considered to have abandoned that animal.
- (c) Any animal found abandoned and not properly cared for, appearing to be diseased or injured past recovery for any useful purpose, may be ~~lawfully destroyed~~humanely euthanized by an agent of the department of health and environmental control, law enforcement officer, or an animal control officer~~or officer of the Humane Society,~~ by a method approved by state law.
- (1) If the animal is identifiable, attempts to contact the owner shall be made by phone or at the residence in person.
- (2) If the animal is not identifiable and is in great pain, the cause of which is not reasonably treatable, the animal may be humanely euthanized immediately without attempts to contact the owner.
- (d) Any animal found abandoned, neglected, cruelly treated, or unfit for use may be seized from the owner's property by the animal control officer or law enforcement officer and impounded at the county animal shelter; provided, however, that the officer shall give notice of this seizure by posting a copy of it at the location where the animal was seized or by delivering it to a person residing on the property of the owner within 24 hours of the time the animal was seized.
- (e) The owner of any animal impounded under the provisions of this section shall be responsible for payment of any necessary medical care as determined by a veterinarian in addition to any penalties, impoundment fees, and board fees.

(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 9, 2-1-2005)

**Sec. 4-10. Sterilization.**

- (a) No unclaimed dog or cat shall be released for adoption without written agreement by means of a spay/neuter contract from the adopter guaranteeing that such animal will be sterilized within 30 days for adults and a specified date in the contract for pups and kittens; provided,

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however, the county provides a program whereby the spay/neuter is included with the adoption fee.

- (b) No animal shall be released for adoption from the county animal shelter that has not been sterilized; provided however, that the county or its contractor provides a program whereby the spay/neuter is included with the adoption fee.

(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 10, 2-1-2005)

#### **Sec. 4-11. Enforcement.**

The civil and criminal provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by those persons or agencies legally authorized by the county ~~authority for that purpose~~. It shall be a violation of this chapter to interfere with an animal control officer or law enforcement officer in the performance of his duties. ~~It shall be a violation of this chapter to provide false information to a law enforcement officer or an animal control officer. This includes but is not limited to information provided on intake forms, bite reports, owner surrender forms, complaint forms, and reclaim forms. Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction may be fined and/or imprisoned consistent with the jurisdictional limits of the magistrate's court.~~ Additionally, the magistrate of the county shall have the authority to issue a bench warrant in the enforcement of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 11, 2-1-2005)

#### **Sec. 4-12. Penalties for violation of chapter.**

Any person found violating any ~~provisions~~ provision of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and ~~shall, for every each offense, may be guilty of a misdemeanor fined and be punished by imprisonment in jail not exceeding 30 days, or by a fine not exceeding \$500.00~~ imprisoned consistent with the jurisdictional limits of the magistrate's court. In addition, upon conviction of any violation under this chapter, a court may order an animal forfeited by the owner or owners and placed within an agency willing to accept custody of the animal, where the court finds that the animal has been cruelly treated, or the owners have been convicted of allowing the animal to run at large on two or more previous occasions.

(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 12, 2-1-2005)

#### **Sec. 4-13. Applicability of Rabies Control Act.**

The provisions of S.C. Code 1976, § 47-5-10 et seq., commonly known as the Rabies Control Act, are hereby adopted in their entirety, as the same may be from time to time amended, as an integral part of this chapter, except insofar as the provisions of such act may conflict with or be less restrictive than the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 2005-01, § 13, 2-1-2005)

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Old Clemson Hwy.

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## OCONEE CODE OF ORDINANCES

### Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety. The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not pre-empted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Facility* means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

*Meeting* means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility. The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting, or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.
- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.