

The proposed amendment to the Charlotte County Animal Control Ordinance consists of the addition of the section below. If you have any questions regarding this proposed amendment or would like to view the County's Animal Control Ordinance in its entirety, please contact the County Administration Office at (434) 542-5117.

A public hearing regarding the proposed amendment will be held at 4:15 on Tuesday, July 20th, 2010 in the Board Room of the County Administration Office at 250 LeGrande Avenue, Suite A, Charlotte Court House. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comment regarding the proposed amendment.

Section 14-47 Certain Animals Running at Large on Highways, etc.

- (a) ***Animals Dangerous to Traffic.*** It shall be unlawful for any owner or possessor of any horse, cattle, hog, sheep, goats, or other animal negligently to drive such animal upon a public highway, or to allow such animal to stray upon such highway, or to tie or graze such animal in such a way as to be dangerous to traffic.
- (b) ***Escape from Confinement.*** It shall be unlawful for any such owner or possessor of such animal negligently or knowingly to permit any animal to escape from confinement, or to allow any gate to be left open or any fence to become in such condition as to be insufficient to confine such animal.
- (c) ***When Unlawful for Animals to Run at Large.*** It shall be unlawful for the owner or manager of any animal or type of animal described in Code of Virginia, § 55-306, to permit any such animal, as to which the boundaries of lots or tracts of land have been or may be constituted a lawful fence, to run at large beyond the limits of his own lands within the county, or portion of such county wherein such boundaries have been constituted and shall be a lawful fence.
- (d) ***Animals May Not Run at Large After Entry of Order.*** After the expiration of ten days from the date of entering such order it shall be unlawful for any animal specified in Code of Virginia, § 55-306, to run at large within such boundaries, and any person owning or having charge of any such animal who shall permit the same to run at large within such boundaries shall be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor, each day such animal is permitted to run at large to constitute a separate offense; and any such animal found running at large upon any street, alley, road or other public ground within such boundaries may be taken up and impounded by any person who may retain such animal in his custody until the expense of keeping such animal shall have been paid.
- (e) ***Exception Regarding Crossings between Adjacent Lots or Tracts.*** The owner or manager of any animal or type of animal described in Code of Virginia, § 55-306, shall be permitted to drive such animals across any public road or highway that divides his property.
- (f) ***Dogs.*** This section shall not apply to dogs.