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# Public Safety Standing Committee

## Staff Report & Supplemental Information

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### **PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT**

#### **Previous Meeting Summary and Follow Up Items**

Staff Note: Staff Scheduled the Chair's requested presentations for the meeting.

- Enforcement of Cell Phone Usage and Texting Laws - Deputy Chief Steve Drew, Richmond Police Department
- 911 Call Center Update - Stephen Willoughby, Director, Emergency Communications
- Community Assisted Public Safety (CAPS) Update - Mark Bridgman, Property Maintenance Inspector, Planning and Development Review

#### **Analysis: Follow-ups, Fiscal Impact Summaries, Ordinance and Resolution Reviews, and Other Items**

1. **Ordinance No. 2016-030 (Patron: Samuels):** To amend City Code § 4-91, concerning cattle, horses, mules, or goats running at large, for the purpose of making it unlawful to permit any animal or fowl, other than dogs or cats, to run at large and providing for the disposition of any animal or fowl found running at large and seized by the Director of the Office of Animal Care and Control.

Summary of Ordinance/Resolution and Background: This proposal primarily updates and cleans up City Code. Current Code states that it is unlawful to allow certain animals to roam at large in City without certain permits or bells including those that are no longer typically kept in the City such as horses, cows, and pigs.

The current Code also directs the Police Chief to enforce laws regarding animals in the City. However, a director of the Department of Animal Care and Control is actually in charge of matters involving the regulation of animals in the City. This paper will clarify this in City Code.

This paper also requires owners of animals found roaming the City to pay the City for their up-keep when animals are seized by City officials after having been found.

Staff Analysis and Questions:

- Can Animal Care and Control tell us how are animal owners currently charge for up keep of animals that owners claim after seizures?

Fiscal Impact: None anticipated in the O&R. Some fees may be collected from animal owners when their animals are found by the City government. It is not possible to determine how money will be collected at this writing.

**2. Ordinance No. 2015-R68 (Patron: Robertson):** To impose enhanced speeding penalties pursuant to City Code § 27-163 and to authorize the placement of signs giving notice thereof on the portion of Dove Street located between North Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Summary of Ordinance/Resolution and Background:

This paper imposes enhanced speeding penalties on Dove Street, from its intersection with North Avenue to its intersection with 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, in accordance with Va. Code § 46.2-878.2 and City Code § 102-188 and authorizes appropriate signage to give the public notice of the enhanced penalties. DPW's Traffic Engineering has conducted traffic studies and found that the speed and volume justified enhanced penalties for speeding as required by State law.

Staff Analysis and Questions:

- When does DPW expect the installation of signage and therefore enforcement of the enhanced penalty to begin?

Fiscal Impact: None anticipated. Note that revenues from enforcement of traffic infractions go to the City's general fund. The enhanced speeding penalty is \$200.

**3. Ordinance No. 2015-R69 (Patron: Graziano):** To impose enhanced speeding penalties pursuant to City Code § 27-163 and to authorize the placement of signs giving notice thereof on the portion of Newell Road located between Jahnke Road and Westover Drive.

Summary of Ordinance/Resolution and Background:

This ordinance imposes enhanced speeding penalties on Newell Road, from its intersections with Jahnke Road to its intersection with Westover Drive, in accordance with Va. Code § 46.2-878.2 and City Code § 102-188. The City's Department of Traffic Engineering conducted a study and found that the speed and volume justified enhanced penalties for speeding. Vehicles frequently travel 10 mph above the posted speed limit.

Staff Analysis and Questions:

- When does DPW expect the installation of signage and therefore enforcement of the enhanced penalty to begin?

Fiscal Impact: None anticipated. Note that revenues from enforcement of traffic infractions go to the City's general fund. Enhanced speeding penalty is \$200.

<b>Next Committee Meeting</b>
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The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2015, at 5:00 in City Council Chambers.

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