

RESOLUTION M-05
ANIMAL CONTROL

1. **Purpose.** This Resolution establishes the policy for fees related to the custody of animals by the Ocean Pines Police Department (OPPD).

2. **Authority**

a. Section 21-806 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of General Public Laws of Maryland establishes as a purpose of the Ocean Pines Police Department to be "...responsible for enforcing the applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State and Worcester County."

b. Section PS 2-101 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland makes it unlawful for animals to run at large. The authority to enforce animal control regulations is delegated to County Animal Control officials.

c. Section 10-619 of the Criminal Law Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland defines dangerous dogs and contains other provisions related to such dogs.

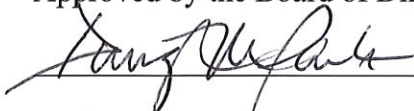

3. **Custody of Animals.** It may become necessary for OPPD to supplement County Animal Control officials and take custody of animals running at large under County law or acting in a manner determined to be dangerous under State law.

a. When County authorities are not available to take custody of an animal from OPPD, the animal may be placed in OPA facilities until such time as custody can be turned over to the County.

b. The OPA General Manager is authorized to establish a schedule of fees for the impoundment of animals as well as the process for collecting such fees.

4. **Effective Date:** March 18, 2023.

Approved by the Board of Directors on March 18, 2023.

 President Attest:  Secretary

Review History:

General Manager:  Date: 4/26/23

Legal: _____ Date: _____

By-Laws & Resolutions Advisory Committee: 

Date: 4/15/23