

RESOLUTION M-05
ANIMAL CONTROL

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of Resolution M-05 is to establish the policy for fees related to the custody of animals by the Ocean Pines Police Department (OPPD).

2. **Authority**

a. Article 26, Section 6 of the Annotated Code of General Public Laws of Maryland charges the Ocean Pines Police Department "...with the responsibility of 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.

c. Section 10-601 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:** February 17, 2010

Approved by the Board of Directors on: February 17, 2010

/S/ W. M. Rakow President Attest /S/ Edgar Purcell Secretary

Review History

General Manager /S/ Thomas J. Olson Date: 6-16-2010

Legal _____ Date: _____

By-Laws & Resolutions Advisory Committee /S/ James Trummel Date: 6-16-2010