

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The Proposed Ordinance would add the following Sections to Title 9, Chapter 9.04 of the Ordinance Code of the County of Fresno: (1) Section 9.04.270 Running at large – Spaying and Neutering Prior to Redemption, which amends the ordinance to require mandatory spaying or neutering of any unlicensed unaltered impounded dog unless medically waived by a licensed veterinarian; and (2) Section 9.04.275 – Running at large – Microchip Identification required Prior to Redemption which requires a microchip implanted in dogs three months or older upon arrival at the county animal shelter. The Proposed Ordinance would add Chapter 9.10 - Rooster Keeping which includes: (1) Section 9.010.10 definitions related to the chapter; (2) Section 9.010.020 which limits the number of roosters to five or less unless approved in writing by the Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner; (3) Section 9.010.030 – Tethering Prohibited, which prohibits the tethering of a rooster to an object, with each rooster tethered considered a separate violation; and (4) Section 9.10.040 -Violations and Penalties, which describes the violations and penalties or a violation of any provision with Chapter 9.10. The Proposed ordinance would revise or update terminology in various Sections within Chapter 9.04 Dog Licensing and Control and would (1) bring the ordinance code into compliance with California law; (2) change the penalty for a violation of certain provisions with Chapter 9.04 from a misdemeanor to an infraction. The Proposed Ordinance amends Section 9.04.055 – Unlawful conduct in the care of animals, cruelty, which amends the language allowing Environmental Health Division and District Attorney staff a broader range of enforcement options.