

June 18, 2021

MEMO

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Code Compliance Advisory Committee

Ref.: Recommendations from the Code Compliance Advisory Committee

During the April Code Compliance Advisory Committee meeting the following recommendations to Council were voted on and approved:

Proposed revision to Chapter 52 Dogs and other Animals, Community Welfare Act of the Charter and Code:

Suggested animal control services and education in the city to prevent strays, control issues, and bites in the city. Committee discussed and moved forward to recommend the legislation to the council and noted that the committee would desire to solve the problem, inform residents about the issues through public education and streamlining communication between county and city data. Recommendation with reservations passed unanimously. (Please see attached motion form)

Proposed Revision to Chapter 113 Hyattsville of the Charter and Code:

Section C.

"Any commercial business owner that has had a motor vehicle placarded with 48 hour warning notices on more than three separate occasions at the same address within a 12 month period is subject to immediate impoundment of any "junked" vehicles after the 3rd offense of this Chapter."

Section D.

Replace "Chief of Police" with "Code Compliance Supervisor" and allow the Code Enforcement Supervisor the ability to approve an extension for a definite amount of time along with current Council authority.

Section E.

Update fine amount to \$200.00 for junked vehicles stored in a commercial or industrial zoned area for the initial offense and \$400.00 for a repeat offense. (Citation amounts remain the same for residential properties)

Committee discussed the revision. Questions regarding the increasing the fines higher than the proposed \$200 for first offense and \$400 for second offense. City staff responded and stated that the main point of this legislation is to allow Code to remove the vehicle more quickly than had previously. Committee moved forward with the legislation. Passed with one abstention.

Thank you for the consideration of these recommendations.

