

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF BARNWELL)
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ORDINANCE NO. 2015- 6-311

BUILDING AND PREMISES CONTROL ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Barnwell County Council has the authority to regulate the premises owned and controlled by the County, and

WHEREAS, Barnwell County shall at various times promulgate restrictions on activities within its buildings and upon the grounds that it controls, both for its staff and the general public, and may do so pursuant to its general grant of authority as a political sub-division of the State of South Carolina pursuant to SC Code Section 4-9-130, and

WHEREAS, at various times, members of the public, or staff have brought animals into the buildings owned or occupied by the County, and

WHEREAS, County Council has previously approved policies for its various properties, including a recent resolution, concerning animals, this ordinance is designed to codify ratify and approve all such policies including its recent animal on premises resolution and to confirm that future policies for County property may be addressed by simple resolution and have the force and effect of this ordinance.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, THAT

No pets or other animals may be brought into County owned or controlled buildings and anyone who brings an animal into such building will be subject to ejection from the premises, a trespass notice, or other lawful remedies.

This Ordinance shall not apply to properly trained, certified service animals for the disabled, (or such animals in training with a certified trainer), animals used in medical, emotional or psychological therapy programs or programs designed to enhance quality of life for people conducted by any recognized service agency operating in Barnwell County or animals used for educational or entertainment programs sponsored by any public service agency or county agency operating in Barnwell County, nor shall it apply to animals brought to the Animal Shelter or the Sheriff's Department in accordance with its rules and regulations. This shall further not apply to any animals belonging to Law Enforcement Agencies.

Permission to bring animals into any county owned or leased facility not specifically allowed under this ordinance may be approved upon proper request by the county administrator.

Anyone violating the County premises policies may be subject to ejection from the premises, a trespass notice, or other lawful remedies, including but not limited criminal charges pursuant to the appropriate section of the South Carolina Criminal Code.

A County code enforcement officer may also charge such person and issue a civil summons for a penalty of \$50.00 per violation of this ordinance to be enforced in magistrate's court.

This ordinance shall take force and effect upon public hearing, three readings and a majority vote by a quorum of Barnwell County Council.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.



David Kenner, Chairman

Voting For	<u>6</u>
Voting Against	<u>1</u>
Abstain	<u>0</u>

Certified:



Kim Futrell, Clerk to Council