ORDINANCE

A ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES 3 AND 5 TO UPDATE REGULATIONS FOR DEALERS IN COMPANION ANIMALS

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and companion animals of Fauquier County that the Fauquier County Zoning Ordinance regulations pertaining to dealers of companion animals be reviewed; and

WHEREAS, an establishment that buys, sells and breeds dogs and cats is considered a Kennel in the Fauquier County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a Kennel in a commercial district allows pet shops that permit the sale of dogs and cats but does not permit commercial breeding; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to prohibit the sale of dogs and cats purchased for resale in a commercial setting; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice warrant this amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors initiated this text amendment on June 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Fauquier County Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on July 15, 2021 and considered written and oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2021, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing and considered oral and written testimony; now, therefore, be it

ORDAINED by the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of August 2021, That the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the following text amendment to Articles 3 and 5 of the Zoning Ordinance:

ARTICLE 3

PART 5 3-500 USE LIMITATIONS

3-504.1 All Commercial and Industrial Districts

6. The sale of dogs and cats shall be prohibited. Sale in this instance shall not include dog or cat adoption events hosted by private non-profit or rescue groups in commercial districts.

ARTICLE 5

ADMINISTRATIVE PERMITS, SPECIAL PERMITS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

PART 13 5-1300 CATEGORY 13 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AND PERSONAL SERVICES

5-1301.2 Additional Standards for Kennels in Commercial Districts

1. Kennels shall be limited to those providing only boarding, grooming, and training. and Pet Shops. No Commercial Breeding facilities are allowed. The sale of dogs and cats shall be prohibited in association with kennels in commercial districts.