



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Animal Care and County Counsel

**Meeting Date:** February 9, 2021

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**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 30 min.

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of Resolution Setting the Dog Licensing Period for Dogs Licensed in Mendocino County; and Introduction and Waive Reading of Ordinance Amending Title 10 of Mendocino County Code Regarding Animals, Reducing Dog License Renewal Period to Thirty Days (Sponsors: Animal Care and County Counsel)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Adopt Resolution setting the dog licensing period for dogs licensed in Mendocino County; Introduce and waive reading of Ordinance Amending Title 10 of Mendocino County Code Regarding Animals, reducing dog license renewal period to thirty days; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

Title 10 of the Mendocino County Code was amended previously by Ordinance Number 4421 on December 18, 2018.

**Summary of Request:**

The proposed ordinance would amend Title 10 of the Mendocino County Code, including adding section 10.16.020 addressing Veterinarian Reporting Requirements. Proposed amendments include adding language to Title 10 that requires all Veterinarians practicing or located within Mendocino County to submit a copy of all rabies certificates issued to Animal Care Services via U.S. Postal mail or electronically in an agreed upon reporting format. The approval of the ordinance will enhance the rabies control recording system by giving Animal Care Services immediate access to owned animals' rabies vaccination records that may be needed in a public health emergency / rabies outbreak.

The proposed ordinance would also amend Title 10 Section 10.12.10 regarding dog licenses. The proposed amendment would reduce the time within which dog license renewal should be procured after expiration of the previously issued license, from sixty (60) days to thirty (30) days. The proposed amendment would also add language that clarifies that except as otherwise permitted by California Health and Safety Code § 121690, no license shall be issued until a valid certificate of rabies vaccination is obtained.

The proposed resolution would set the dog licensing period as (1) year for dogs that have attained the age of

four (4) months or older and have been vaccinated against rabies and (3) years for dogs that have attained the age of (12) months of age with a previously documented rabies vaccination, and one (1) year for dogs exempted from the vaccination requirement pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 121690, subsection (b).

Mendocino County currently provides only a one (1) year dog license option. Animal Care Services is requesting to implement a three (3) year dog license option in an effort to make the process of licensing a dog easier for the dog owners.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Provide additional direction to staff or take no action.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** n/a

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** N/A

**current f/y cost:** N/A

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budget clarification:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y:** N/A

**if no, please describe:**

**revenue agreement:** N/A

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Executive Office

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: February 10, 2021

Final Status: Adopted

Executed Item Type: Resolution Number: 21-014

