

Language Change of Ordinance to Include Animal Welfare Division

The wording in the Animal Control Ordinance needs to be changed to reflect and clarify the separation of the Animal Control Department and the Animal Welfare Division under the Sheriff's Department. The proposed wording is as follows:

The Stokes County Animal Control Department: shall consist of (1) the Animal Shelter Division and (2) the Animal Welfare Division. The Animal Shelter Division shall be under the management of the Animal Shelter Director and shelter staff. The Animal Welfare Division shall be under the management of the Stokes County Sheriff Office. The Animal Shelter Director shall supervise and be responsible for the proper operation of the shelter in accordance with the policies of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners and the laws of the State of North Carolina. The Director shall report directly to the Stokes County Manager. The Animal Welfare Department shall be Sheriff Department Officers and shall be headquartered at the Stokes County Sheriff's Office and report directly to the Sheriff or his designee. The two divisions will have the full ability to enforce the entirety of this ordinance.

The above proposed changes will take the place of the below language in Article I of the Animal Control Ordinance:

Animal Control Officer: The person designated by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners to enforce this Ordinance and carry out such other duties with respect to Animal Control as may be designated by the Board.