

Bob Marotto

From: JOSEPH WILLIAMS <kokom^ojo50@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Bob Marotto
Subject: [EXTERNAL MAIL] Re: Animal Services
Communication

I will follow your recommendation. Thanks sincerely for your response.

Joe Williams

On Friday, September 4, 2020, 8:37:05 AM EDT, Bob Marotto <bmarotto@orangecountync.gov> wrote:

Mr. Williams,

I apologize for not responding sooner to your email. It's been a busy week.

My recommendation is that you approach the Animal Services Advisory Board (ASAB) before you approach the Board of County Commissioners. The ASAB is a board consisting of residents appointed by our commissioners to work with staff as well as the BOCC on policy matter. The board has been very involved in amending our ordinance including creating Orange County's Unified Animal Ordinance.

I am copying the ASAB chair and vice-chair on this email in the event you would like to address yourself directly to them about your concerns. Also, I would note that you could address the ASAB for up to three minutes simply by attending one of its upcoming virtual meetings. The next one is the evening of September 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The schedule, meeting agendas and other information is posted at <https://www.orangecountync.gov/1233/Advisory-Board-Hearing-Panel-Pool>

Finally, I would note that Orange County's restrictions on aggressive and dangerous animals are already quite a bit stronger than those provided by state law. In my experience, one of the most important ways to apply existing regulations is to for concerned county residents to work together effectively to ensure compliance and overall public health and safety. I believe we do so generally and hope that has been your experience with Animal Services.

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Sincerely,

Bob Marotto

Animal Services Director

Orange County, NC

Cc: Amanda Schwoerke, Chair, Animal Services Advisory Board

Bryan Stuart, Vice-Chair, Animal Services Advisory Board

Rachel Plast, Administrative Assistant

From: JOSEPH WILLIAMS <kokomoj050@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2020 10:46 AM

To: OCAS <OCAS@orangecountync.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL MAIL!] Re: nuisance dog complaint

I am in process of creating a document for Orange County Commissioners suggesting some amendments to UNIFIED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE. I would appreciate any comments.

1. When using a choke chain that the chain be snugged and a stop such as a D-link which would reduce chances of the dog from backing out of the choke chain.

2 That owners of dogs recognized as being aggressive (pit bulls, rotweilers, dobermans, etc) be barred from approaching withing 20 feet of other owners [dogs unless granted permission.

3. Alternatively that a complaint about an aggressive dog could result in similar ban on approaching within 20-30 feet in descretion of animal control officer. This would add an additional tool that is step below the dangerous dog declaration and would increase safety without unduly burdening owners of agressive dogs,

4. In descretion of animal control officer allow a muzzle to be required without dangerous dog declaration

5. Special circumstances such as condominiums or multifamily complexes where close encounter likely be considered.

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6, Violations of above be defined as misdemeanor assault if no injuries.to persons or pets, low level felony if person or pets injured .

On Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 3:50:13 PM EDT, JOSEPH WILLIAMS <kokomoi050@yahoo.com> wrote:

In the pic showing the trees you may have to zoom in on the cars to visualize

Thanks

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