CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Hendersonville Police Department
Tuesday, November 10, 2026 – 5:30 PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   A. September 8, 2026 - *Melissa Justus, Admin. Assistant III*
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
   A. Elect New Chair
   B. Public Nuisance Ordinance - *Anna Autrey, Civlian Animal Control Officer*
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
   A. Proposed Stray Animal Ordinance - *Anna Autrey, Civilian Animal Control Officer*
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Regular Meeting
City of Hendersonville
Animal Services Advisory Committee
September 8, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.
Hendersonville Police Department | 630 Ashe St. | Hendersonville NC 28792

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by.

Members present: Dalleen Jackson-McClasky, Jean Greeson, Melissa Vazquez, Joy Edwards, Beth Scarborough, Patricia MacDuff and Joan Odean.

City Staff present: Civilian Animal Control Officer Anna Autrey, and Secretary Melissa Justus.

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Melissa Vazquez to approve the agenda with Joy Edwards seconded the motion and unanimous vote followed.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Jean Greeson to approve the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes; Melissa Vazquez seconded the motion and unanimous vote followed.

5. New Business

A. Elect New Chair – tabled until the next meeting, November 10, 2026.

B. Discuss Public Nuisance Section of Chapter 10 – Anna will provide a mock ordinance for the November 10th meeting-want to change the word “abatement”. She will present the proposed new ordinance.

6. Other Business

Motion made Dalleen Jackson-McClasky to add July 13, 2027, to the meeting dates for 2026-2027. Patricia MacDuff seconded the motion and unanimous vote followed.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Jean Greeson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Approved by: _____

Sec. 10-181. - Public nuisance. **2.0**

(a) The chief of police shall have the authority to declare an animal a public nuisance. Any determination that an animal is a public nuisance shall be made in writing, summarizing the available evidence. The letter shall be served by personal delivery or by certified or registered mail to the owner. The written determination shall order compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The keeping of an animal deemed to be a public nuisance, as defined in this chapter, is hereby prohibited.

(c) Complaint and notice. Upon receipt of a complaint being made to the police department by any resident or residents that any person is keeping a public nuisance animal as defined in this chapter, the chief of police shall cause the owner of the animal or animals in question to be notified that a complaint has been received and shall cause the situation complained of to be investigated and a report and findings thereon to be reduced to writing by the investigating animal services officer.

(d) Removal. If the written findings of the investigating officer indicate the complaint is justified, then the chief of police shall cause the owner of the animal in question to be so notified in writing, by registered or certified mail, or by personal delivery, ordered to remove such nuisance from the city limits or surrender it for humane euthanasia within five days after notification and be given a citation for the violation

(d) Elimination of the nuisance. If the written findings of the investigating officer indicate the complaint is justified, then the chief of police shall cause the owner of the animal in question to be so notified in writing, by registered or certified mail, or by personal delivery, ordered to eliminate such nuisance either by rehoming it outside the city limits or by surrendering it for humane euthanasia within five days after notification and given a citation for the violation.

In the event the owner of the animal or animals is unknown and cannot be ascertained, the notice and order, along with a general description of the animal or animals shall be published within a local newspaper.

(e) Impoundment upon failure to abate. If any person receiving notice in the manner hereinabove described shall fail or refuse to abate the nuisance upon order of the chief of police within the specified time, the chief of police may cause the animal or animals in question to be apprehended and impounded.

(f) Civil penalties. Additionally, if any person receiving notice in the manner hereinabove described shall fail or refuse to abate the nuisance upon order of the chief of police within the specified time, the chief of police may assess a civil penalty as provided in section 1-6.

(g) Right of appeal. Within five business days from receipt of their notification, the owner of the nuisance animal may appeal the findings of the chief of police by giving written notice of appeal to the chief of police. An appeal shall stay the abatement of the public nuisance animal determination until a final determination by the animal services advisory committee.

(Ord. No. 23-47, § 1, 8-9-23)

Public nuisance animal means any animal or group of animals which:

(1) Is found at large three or more times in a 12-month rolling period; or

(2) Damages the property of anyone other than its owner; or

(3) Is a vicious animal; or

(4) Causes unsanitary condition of enclosures or surroundings; or

(5) Is diseased and dangerous to the public health.

Proposed Stray Animal Ordinance

The purpose of this proposed ordinance is to help control the feral cat population by limiting who can feed stray cats. This will also help with people luring owned animals away from their homes, as well as interference with wildlife.

Pros:

- Less diseases spread
- Fewer/smaller cat colonies
- Fewer nuisance problems
- Leaving wildlife wild
- Less lethal removal of wildlife due to food conditioning

Presented data and studies on feral cat colonies

- NCWRC “How to Feed Wildlife Responsibly” & raccoon NC wildlife profile
- The PETA Guide to Feral Cats
- Animal Humane Society “The Real Impacts of Trap-Neuter-Return”
- The Wildlife Society “Statement on Feral & Free-Ranging Domestic Cats”

Presented existing ordinances as examples

- Brunswick Co. NC
- Orange Co. NC
- City of Greenville, NC

***I will send an email out with all the studies and ordinances listed here attached.**