

Wilmington, Delaware
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WHEREAS, the improper maintenance and abatement of public nuisance animals

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within the City of Wilmington creates situations which are hazardous to the health and safety of the City's residents and to the animals; and

**Council
Member
Oliver**

WHEREAS, the over-population of nuisance wildlife habitat in residential

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neighborhoods can present a threat to public health and/or safety; and

**Council
President
Shabazz**

WHEREAS, other wildlife activity can present unique situations that also threaten public health and safety on a per incident basis; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to control, confine and prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as rabies or other animal diseases in the interest of public welfare and safety.

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council desires to enact procedures for the purpose of controlling the nuisance behavior and abatement of animals, assuring the safety of animals and monitoring the general treatment of animals; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council have reviewed the existing animal control regulations in their entirety and, for the purposes of providing for the safe, attractive and healthful community, has determined that the adoption of regulations addressing the control, care and abatement of public nuisance animals is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Council urges the Delaware General Assembly to enact legislation providing additional support to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources

and Environmental Control's (DNREC) Division of Fish & Wildlife and other public entities in managing the overabundance of public nuisance animals in the City of Wilmington.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: Wilmington City Council recognizes the need for comprehensive and internally consistent procedures for the abatement and removal of public nuisance animals in the City of Wilmington. This resolution encourages the Delaware General Assembly to enact legislation that provides additional financial support to local governmental entities charged with regulating and removing dangerous public nuisance animals that threaten public health, safety and interest of Wilmington residents.