



ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

The mission of the Animal Control Board is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Reading and to ensure the humane treatment of animals by regulating the care and control of animals within the City.

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Agenda

Virtually

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 419 292 6522

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I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment

Public comment will be accepted in writing through an email to michelle.smith@readingpa.gov by 3:00 pm on the day of the meeting. The comment received will be read into the record. Public comment can also be provided during the public comment section of the meeting by registering before 3 pm the day of the meeting at the email above.

III. Approval of Minutes – May 22, 2024

IV. Animal Control Agency Report

V. Old Business

- 1023 Greenwich St – more than 6 dogs/cats
- Outdoor feeding
- Providing education at community events
- Zoning Ordinance amendment – no update

VI. New Business

- 1711 Cotton St – permit renewal – 5 cats, 2 dogs
- 242 Linden St – rabbit odors / no hutch
- 539 Maple St – possibility of more than 6 dogs/cats
- Reports of cock fighting

VII. Expiring Permits

- 1034 Court St – 22 cats, 1 dog – permit no longer needed
- 2416 High St – chickens, ducks
- 2329 High St – chickens
- 732 Thorn St - chickens

VIII. Other Matters

IX. Next Meeting Date – as needed or January 2025

X. Adjourn

Note: ARL and City staff met on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 to review the Board's pending matters. Staff recommended the removal of the following agenda items:

- 936 N 5th St – more than 6 dogs/cats – no additional contact or complaints
- 438 N 9th St – keeping chickens – no evidence of chickens and no complaints
- 318 Pine St – more than 6 dogs/cats – no additional contact or complaints
- 1048 Mulberry St – more than 6 dogs/cats – no additional contact or complaints
- 100 Neversink St – more than 6 dogs/cats – has 6 dogs – meets limit
- 618 Thorn St – more than 6 dogs/cats – partial surrender and now meets limit
- 1234 N 6th St – more than 6 dogs/cats – no additional contact and no complaints
- Animal Ordinance amendment - 6 Dogs/Cats versus Animal Point System – keep as is – no cases to date that have fallen outside the current regulations