

## COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2016, Legislative Day No. 4

Bill No. 19-16

Introduced by Mr. Grasso

By the County Council, February 16, 2016

Introduced and first read on February 16, 2016 Public Hearing set for and held on March 7, 2016 Public Hearing on AMENDED BILL set for and held on March 21, 2016 Bill Expires May 21, 2016

By Order: Elizabeth E. Jones, Administrative Officer

## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Safety - Animal Control - Severe Weather
2.	Animal Alert
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4	FOR the purpose of adding a provision for the care and keeping of animals under a
5	Severe Weather Emergencies and Alerts; providing for a Severe Weather Animal
6	Alert; providing for penalties for failure to comply with a Severe Weather Animal
7	Alert; and generally relating to animal control.
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9	BY repealing and reenacting (with amendments): § 12-4-809
10	Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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12	BY adding: § 12-4-809
13	Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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15	SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County,
16	Maryland, That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as
17	follows:
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19	ARTICLE 12. PUBLIC SAFETY
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21	TITLE 4. ANIMAL CONTROL

**EXPLANATION:** 

CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

Strikeover indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment.

1 2 12-4-809. Severe Weather Emergencies and Alerts.

(A) IN THE EVENT OF A SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY <u>DECLARED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE</u>, THE AGENCY MAY ISSUE A SEVERE WEATHER ANIMAL ALERT <del>PROVIDING FOR</del> <u>ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF</u> CERTAIN ANIMAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS <del>AND REQUIREMENTS</del>.

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(B) THE SEVERE WEATHER ANIMAL ALERT WILL BE POSTED ON THE AGENCY'S WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES, AND A PUBLIC PRESS RELEASE WILL BE ISSUED BY THE AGENCY.

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(C)—IN THE EVENT OF A SEVERE WEATHER ANIMAL ALERT, THE AGENCY MAY REQUIRE SHELTER REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THIS TITLE.

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(D)—FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SEVERE WEATHER ANIMAL ALERT MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOUNDMENT OF THE ANIMAL BY THE AGENCY AND CIVIL PENALTIES CONSISTENT WITH THIS TITLE OR STATE LAW. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SEVERE WEATHER ANIMAL ALERT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS A CLASS C CIVIL OFFENSE.

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(C) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH § 12-4-801 DURING A SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE IS A CLASS D CIVIL OFFENSE.

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SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date that it becomes law.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED: March 7, 2016

READ AND PASSED this 21st day of March, 2016

By Order:

Elizabeth E. Jones Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2016

Elizabeth E. Jones Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 22 day of Ward 2016

County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 2016

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF BILL NO.

19-16 . The original of which is retained in the files

OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Elizabeth E. Jones

Administrative Officer