AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BARTOW COUNTY FOR THE
PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CODE OF BARTOW COUNTY, CHAPTER 14,
ARTICLE II, THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE; REVISING THE
PROVISIONS FOR CARE OF ANIMALS, PROVISION FOR STRAY HOLDS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF BARTOW COUNTY HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2018.

WHEREAS, Bartow County has previously adopted and amended Animal Control
Ordinance, contained in the Code of Bartow County as Article II of Chapter 14, providing
for the regulation of animals, including animals at large on and off their premises; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Department recommends revisions to the
language of the Ordinance relating to care and sheltering of animals and also the stray hold
provisions in order to clarify the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner has determined it is in the best interests of the
public health, safety and welfare to adopt the amendments set forth below; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED,
by virtue of the authority vested in the Commissioner by law, that Article II of Chapter 14
of the Code of Bartow County is amended as follows:

I. Sec. 14-14 “Control of Animals” is amended by adding subsections (b)(6) and
(b)(7) as follows:

(b) **

(6) A dog may not be tethered to a stationary point or object; only tethering
to a running cable line or trolley line is permitted if a dog is tethered outside.
(7) Cables and devices used must be adequately matched to the strength and
size of the dog to prevent breaking. The tether should have a swivel clasp
on each end.

II. Sec. 14-19(b) is deleted and replaced with the following:

(b) Shelter and dog house requirements. Outside dogs shall be provided a dog house
or similar structure for shelter (such as a garage). Shelters and dog houses shall be of
sufficient height for the dog to stand comfortably, head up, and shall be of sufficient
width for the dog to turn around and lie down. To qualify as a shelter or dog house,
the structure shall consist of at least three sides and a roof, with a floor constructed off
the ground to allow for unobstructed drainage and ventilation. For standard dog houses
of under 15 square feet in area, no more than one animal per dog house is permitted,
except litters for 12 weeks. For multiple-dog shelters (such as garages), at least 30
square feet per dog is required. Shelters and dog houses must also allow free access to a yard area of at least 80 square feet per dog. The roof of a dog house must be metal, shingle, plastic or some other composite material other than bare wood alone. Owner must provide insulation inside the dog house when weather and temperature determine the need for it. Material such as hay or shavings is sufficient.

III. Sec. 14-86(b) is amended by deleting the phrase “five business days” and replacing it with the phrase “three business days.”

All other Ordinances and Resolutions, or parts of said Ordinances or resolutions, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, except to the extent said Ordinances are more restrictive than this Ordinance.

SO ADOPTED this 7th day of November 2018, to be effective immediately, the public health, safety, and general welfare demanding.

ATTEST:

Kathy Gill, Clerk

BARTOW COUNTY, GEORGIA

Steve Taylor, Commissioner