

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the County Council

FROM: Sara Evers, Department Acting Director Public Health *SME*

RE: Changes to Chapter 205

DATE: 2/2/2023

In November 2022, the Council passed an updated Chapter 205, Animal Regulations, in order to ensure the Department of Public Health and its Division of Humane Services is able to properly manage the community health and safety involving animals within St. Charles County.

As the Department works with the updated code, the following are requested amendments:

- (1) An amendment of Section 205.064, Prohibition on Animal Fight Training, to expand it to prohibit all animal fight training whereas in the current text of the ordinance only dog fight training is prohibited.
- (2) An amendment of Section 205.064(b)(1)(e) to ensure that the Division of Humane Services does not unnecessarily take on quarantining dogs which may be a health risk at our kennel.
- (3) An amendment of Section 205.142, clarifying further grounds on which the Department Director may declare a dog dangerous.
- (4) Minor but necessary general clerical language revisions and correction to statutory references so as to correctly reconcile those references amendments made both in the November 2022 bill and this current one before you.