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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0766/ ANIMAL CONTROL AND PROTECTION – RECONSTITUTION		

TO

DATE:

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

September 22, 2011

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #11-0766, which is for the purpose of reconstituting the laws governing animals and their control and protection; prohibiting certain conduct; requiring licenses or permits for certain animals; providing for the licensing and regulation of certain animal facilities; prohibiting the keeping of certain animals; establishing standards for the general care and control of animals; establishing standards for the protection of animals from cruelty, abuse, and other inappropriate conduct; providing for the treatment of animals at large, dangerous animals, and vicious dogs; providing for the administration of complaints; providing for the appointment of animal control officers and for the enforcement of these laws by police officers, animal control officers, humane officers, and other authorized persons; abolishing the Vicious Dog Hearing Board and substituting for it a new Animal Hearing Board with broadened jurisdiction; authorizing the adoption of rules and regulations to supplement the law; defining certain terms; changing the name of the Bureau of Animal Control to Office of Animal Control; imposing certain civil and criminal penalties; conforming certain related provisions; and generally relating to the control and protection of animals.

The Department of Planning takes no position on City Council Bill #11-0766 with regard to the minor changes proposed to the Zoning Code, and defers to the Health Department.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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