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THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON.

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	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>
1.			
✓ 2.	MARY CERVINI	112 Founders Dr. ^{Flat Rock}	AN. Ord.
✓ 3.	Mike Cervini	" " "	AN. Ordinance
✓ 4.	Wendell Capez	622 Willow Rd	Animal Ordinance
✓ 5.	James Thompson	316 Jordan St.	Animal Ordinance
✓ 6.	Virginia Schmitt	508 off Pine Lane Mill River	Animal Control
✓ 7.	Pat de Permos	109 Greenleaf	Flat Rock 5 mile
✓ 8.	EVA Ritchey	1928 Brevard Rd	Asphalt legal Serv
✓ 9.	PAM McLAUGHLIN	350 Summerfield ^{Flat}	Animal Ordinance
✓ 10.	ILLIE GORDON	9 TAMARAC TER	ANIMAL ORDINANCE
✓ 11.	Terri Thompson	BRHS 1214 Greenville Hwy	Animal ordinance
✓ 12.	RAY M S CASLIN	518 GILBERT COVE DR SW	ANIMAL ORDINANCE
13.			

Commission is blind to animal suffering

I see where our county commissioners are proposing to "modify" (read that "negate") the ordinance that forbids the sale of animals at open-air markets, farmers' markets and flea markets.

This action of the county commissioners is nothing less than evil.

"No tax" Commissioner Larry Young's "take" on the issue? Many hunters in the county often purchase and sell hunting dogs. He opposes restricting the market. He goes on: "As long as the animal has a certificate by a professional veterinarian of its health and its shots and that this would be given to the owner, then I don't see a problem with the ordinance modification."

No Larry, I don't suppose you do see the problem. That is because you are blind to animal suffering in this county. I might add as well that you are blind to the past.

Remember, Larry, the reason for the ordinance in the first place? Duh and double duh! This ordinance was passed originally because the flea market animals were not being treated humanely! They were being treated inhumanely.

How stupid can this commission be? Does it think human nature has changed overnight since the original ordinance was passed? Do commissioners think animals will be treated any better because Larry Young desires it?

And Commissioner Bill O'Conner



Stephen Black
On Borrowed Time

added that animal sales at open markets should not be controlled by government and that doing so interferes with the premise of private enterprise.

My God, sir, you would dare care more for the devil's dollar than the soul of an innocent creature?

Listen up: If government should not pass laws on the protection of animals (God's gifts to mankind), then who can? What else is government for? Does this simpleton think government exists to ensure that private enterprise flourishes even at the expense of animals' welfare? Where is your soul, man? Where is your heart?

Note: From now on, commissioner, you shall always be known in my future columns as "Heartless" Bill O'Conner.

Terri Thompson, executive director of Blue Ridge Humane Society,

said: "I'm disappointed that we're even having this conversation, and I'm disappointed that they're even considering relaxing the ordinance." Amen, Ms. Thompson.

Resident Donna French, who has experience as a dog obedience instructor and canine behavior evaluator, said, "The people doing this ... don't care about the animals, what they're feeling or what they're suffering. I've seen a lot of this in my years in the business, and it is not more than an outdoor puppy mill."

And Ray McCaslio asked the county commission "to leave this ordinance alone — please."

Mr. McCaslio said please because he is obviously a nice person. Since I'm not a nice person, I'm telling, not asking, the Henderson County commissioners to behave decently just once — repeat, just once — toward God's gifts to mankind. I'm not saying please, either.

If these commissioners behave indecently and allow the suffering of animals to continue, then they should do hard time in hell where all evil-doers belong. Shame on them and their lack of compassion.

I call on every believer in animal rights to contact these political bums and let them know what is decent and what is not. Do it today. It is time animal rights advocates stop crawling hat in hand to county and city leaders. It is time to put pressure on our leaders.

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For Pet Health and Responsible Personal Freedom

In an attempt to propose a procedure to address our desire to protect innocent animals from maltreatment during transfer of ownership or irresponsible breeding and sale, while protecting the rights of individuals and organizations to exercise their right to engage in free trade of providing pets for those who desire them, we offer this proposal for your consideration. Please feel free to comment and respond to this any time between receipt and the 5:30pm, Monday, August 15th meeting of the Board of Commissioners where you may speak in Public Comment and hear the Commission discuss the Henderson County animal ordinance on our agenda.

1. Any transfer of ownership outside of immediate family members shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Health (COH) signed by a licensed Veterinarian whereby he certifies that the animal is free from a defined list of diseases, pests, and parasites. No physical transfer of an animal may take place without a COH.
 - 1.1. The Henderson County Animal Shelter (HCAS) will arrange for a listing of Veterinarians who agree to perform the necessary examination and medication needed for animals adopted from HCAS, on the basis of annual open bid or annual openly negotiated fee.
 - 1.2. The HCAS, in consultation with local Veterinarians, shall determine the conditions covered, and the period of time for which the COH shall be valid.
 - 1.3. For HCAS, the standard service to be achieved is a maximum 48 hour delay in delivery of the adopted pet with a COH.
 - 1.4. In addition to the HCAS, animal ownership may be transferred through:
 - 1.4.1. Licensed Pet Stores
 - 1.4.2. Commercial open air markets
 - 1.4.3. Periodic or regularly scheduled "Flea" Markets
 - 1.4.4. Private Persons at yard or garage sales on or off their property
2. Other Transferor Obligations
 - 2.1. Non-HCAS transferors may set their own policies for obtaining and providing the COH.
 - 2.2. All transferors are required to provide confinement sufficient to prevent escape, and shelter from sun and wind.
 - 2.3. All transferors are required to provide clean, fresh potable water for animals at all times offered.
 - 2.4. All transferors are required to provide nutritious food as needed, not to exceed 24 hours between feedings.
 - 2.5. All transferors are required to post a standard notice during any period that animals are offered for transfer, stating that transferees may expect and demand a COH.
 - 2.6. Transfer of ownership of any animal, outside of immediate family members, without a COH is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50, per animal on the transferor.
 - 2.7. Fines generated by this ordinance must be transferred to the school system, however the county will allocate matching funds to the cost of the HCAS spay and neuter program.
3. Deleted

Respect and Affection,

Bill O'Connor
Commissioner, District 5