

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2002 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-68-2002
Proposed by Council Member Scott
Introduced by Council Member Scott
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction October 7, 2002

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Vicious Animal Legislation Task Force

3 For the purpose of establishing the Vicious Animal Legislation Task Force to evaluate the
4 effectiveness of existing legislation and administrative regulations concerning vicious animals
5 and to advise the County on improvements and amendments.

6 WHEREAS, the County enacted model vicious animal legislation in 1985 to control the
7 ownership and maintenance of animals that have attacked or injured humans or other animals;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the County's enacted legislation in 1996 to restrict the ownership and
10 maintenance of pit bull terriers within the County and to prevent the introduction of additional
11 pit bull terriers into the County; and

12 WHEREAS, the County Council desires to measure the effectiveness of the vicious animal
13 legislation and the pit bull terrier legislation in reducing the number of attacks and the severity of
14 injuries by dogs.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
16 County, Maryland, that the Vicious Animal Legislation Task Force is hereby created to evaluate
17 the effectiveness of existing animal control legislation and recommend to the County Council
18 appropriate amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance to reduce the total number of attacks
19 by dogs and to reduce the severity of injuries inflicted by dogs in the County.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vicious Animal Legislation Task Force shall be
21 composed of 8 members:

- 22 1. The Chairman of the County Council or the Chairman's representative who shall serve

1 as the presiding officer,

2 2. The Chairman of the Animal Control Commission or the Chairman's representative,

3 3. The Health Officer or the Health Officer's representative,

4 4. The Chief of Police or the Chief's representative,

5 5. The Administrator of the Animal Control Division of the Department of Environmental
6 Resources or the Administrator's representative,

7 6. A representative selected by the Prince George's Chapter of the Humane Society,

8 7. A representative selected by the Prince George's County Municipal Association, and

9 8. A representative selected by the Maryland Dog Federation, Inc.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vicious Animal Legislation Task Force shall
11 present its evaluation and recommendations to the County Council by February 28, 2003.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall assign appropriate
13 technical and administrative support personnel to assist the Vicious Animal Legislation Task
14 Force in its work.

Adopted this 22nd day of October, 2002.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Peter A. Shapiro
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council