

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-005**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 5, "ANIMALS," SECTION 5-12, "RETAIL SALE OF DOGS AND CATS," TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF HOBBY BREEDER TO CLARIFY THAT HOBBY BREEDERS ARE NOT PET STORES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 5-12 of the City Code currently prohibits the display, sale, trade, delivery, barter, lease, rent, give away, transfer, offer for sale or transfer, or otherwise disposal of dogs and cats by pet stores and shops, with certain exceptions, within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that regulating breeding of dogs and cats is necessary to protect animal welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes a distinction between small-scale, home-based breeders, who produce limited litters and the commercial breeding of dogs and cats for wholesale or retail distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to permit limited hobby breeding conducted on a residential property where animals are bred and reared on-site and sold directly to the ultimate owner for personal companionship purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City further finds that the sale or transfer of dogs and cats to pet stores, brokers, dealers, wholesales, or commercial breeders contributes to large-scale resale markets and may facilitate inhumane breeding practices commonly associated with "puppy mills;" and



**Section 3: Conflicts.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances, all City Code sections or parts of City Code sections, and all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 4: Severability.** That should any section or provision of this ordinance or any portion thereof, any paragraph, sentence, clause or word be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder hereof as a whole or part hereof other than the part declared invalid.

**Section 5: Codification.** That the provisions of this ordinance shall be codified within the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, and any paragraph or section may be renumbered to conform with the Code of Ordinances.

**Section 6: Effective Date.** That this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage on second and final reading.

**PASSED FIRST READING THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2026.**

**PASSED SECOND READING THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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Jeffrey R. Wasserman, Mayor

Attest:

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Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

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Wasserman	<u>Aye</u>	_____
Brodie	<u>Absent</u>	_____
Welch	<u>Aye</u>	_____
Rydell	<u>Aye</u>	_____
Railey	<u>Aye</u>	_____