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**COLUMBIA HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023**

The Columbia Health, Social and Environmental Affairs Committee will conduct a meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall (Mayor's Conference Room), 1737 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201. Members of the public may view the meeting online at www.columbiasc.gov. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (803)545-3045 or cityclerk@columbiasc.gov if you have questions regarding the meeting.

The Honorable Aditi Bussells, At-Large
The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., At-Large ■ The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., District II

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CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATION

1. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Update - Ms. Mary Pat Baldauf, Sustainability Facilitator

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

2. Animal Shelter Ordinance Update - Ms. Victoria Riles, Animal Services Superintendent

ADJOURNMENT



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DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

FROM: *Erika Hammond, City Clerk*

SUBJECT: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Update - Ms. Mary Pat Baldauf, Sustainability Facilitator

FUNDING SOURCE & ORIGINAL BUDGET:

ATTACHMENTS:

- **#a:** CPRG UPDATE (PDF)

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Update

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Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Refresher

- \$1 million EPA grant to fund reduction of greenhouse gasses.
- Grant lead: Central Midlands Council of Governments.
- Regional grant consisting of the Columbia metropolitan statistical area (MSA) of Calhoun, Fairfield, Lexington, Kershaw, Richland and Saluda counties. The City of Columbia is the largest city in the MSA, and is the reason the MSA was chosen for this grant opportunity.
- Full-time program coordinator started December 1. Part-time intern will soon be hired to assist the coordinator.
- Robert Anderson and I are representing the City on the Advisory Committee and will be actively involved.
- The Regional Committee met last week; each of the six counties and four municipalities were represented. This group will meet on a monthly basis.



Dates of Interest

March 1, 2024: Simplified version of the Priority Climate Action Plan due

- Identified near-term action items to prepare for implementation grants
- Can focus on specific sectors or greenhouse gas sources
- Limited set of requirements that set foundation for informed decisions
- May build on previous climate planning efforts

April 1, 2024: Regional Implementation Grant application due

Mid-2025: Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due

- Includes GHG inventory, projections and reduction targets, and a larger list of measures that reduce GHG and reach targets.



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Possible Grant Project Ideas

- Regional waste-to-energy plant
- Regional solar farm
- Local government energy audits
- EV chargers
- EV fleet conversion study
- Conversion of fleets to natural gas
- Non-reimbursable weatherization grants for existing building stock
- Regional reduction of food waste and adoption of local composting programs

OTHER IDEAS?



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Columbia Animal Services

Ordinance Change Status Update



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Spay and Neuter Mandate Discussion

All Pets

- Legalities pertaining to professional and responsible breeding
- Not supported on a national level

Bully Breeds

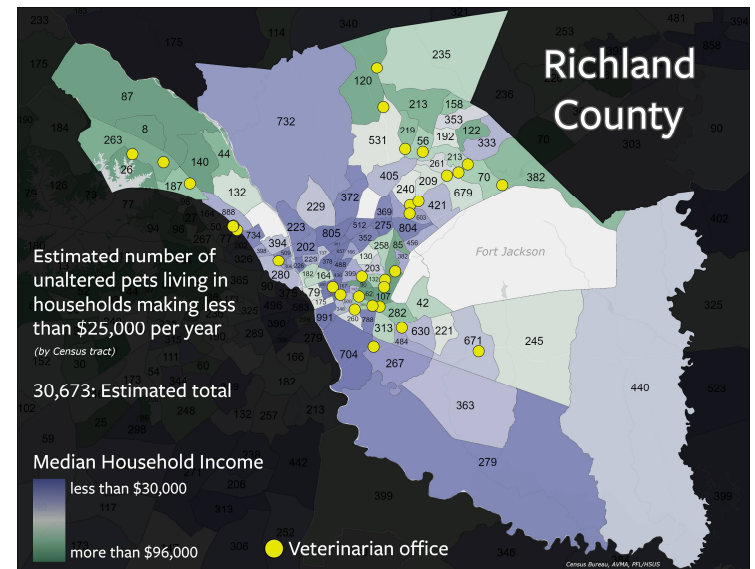
- 75% of dog breeds are inaccurately guessed without DNA testing
- Significant resistance on legislative level (HSUS, ASPCA, Best Friends)

Reasons this is not supported

- Unfunded mandate on citizens
- Criminalizes poverty
- Will contradict positive community engagement efforts
- Possible intake increase

Recommendations

National groups recommend municipalities support an infrastructure that incentivizes the procedure and provides all community members access to spay/neuter services.



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Re-Cap of Proposed Ordinance Changes

- City of Columbia will offer a \$25.00 one-time lifetime pet license if pet is spayed/neutered, vaccinated for rabies, and microchipped
 - \$5 pet annual license still in place for altered, un-microchipped pets
- \$100 annual fee if the pet is not spayed/neutered
- Language changes to spay/neuter exemptions to make this area more clear and concise.
- Ordinance draft has been reviewed by City Council
- Online licensing option
- Request to defer out to council for enactment July 1, 2024
- Meeting with Richland County
 - Richland County is in support of licensing changes and will explore similar changes of their own with their council during budget review, early 2024.
 - Discussed meeting options for City, Richland, and Lexington to explore ordinance review, spay and neuter mandates.



Preparation for Implementation



1. Met with Chameleon Team

- Discuss online licensing options and capabilities



2. Met with City's IT, payment, accounting, and database administrator departments

- Determine which payment service will be used
- Determine security aspects and liabilities to ensure online licensing is in line with the City's security parameters.

3. Legal Review & Quote – **Currently Underway**

- Legal review will determine if there is a contract and what its terms and conditions are
- Budgetary review for purchase

4. Launch

- Once all parties clear the project, Chameleon and IT will work together to install and launch the software.

5. Proposed start date of ordinance change July 1, 2024



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