## LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Pet Shop Ordinance	
	Work
DATE OF MEETING: September 9, 2025	Session/Regular
	Session
BUDGET IMPACT:	
FUNDING SOURCE:	
( ) Annual	
( ) Capital	
(X) N/A	
( ) SPLOST	
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COUNTY A CTION DECUESTED ON DATE OF	
COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Pet Shop Ordinance	

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The overpopulation of pets in Lowndes County has led to euthanasia numbers being higher than acceptable for quite some time. Overpopulation is a direct result of the lack of spay/neuter occurring in Lowndes County.

Local rescues, individuals willing to foster pets, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Humane Society, regional partners and other volunteers work closely with Animal Services staff to find homes for a never-ending flow of homeless pets taken in at the Lowndes County Animal Shelter. The allowance of the retail sale of unaltered pets by pet stores will further contribute to an ongoing issue that has both a financial and emotional cost to Lowndes County citizens.

OPTIONS: 1. Adopt

2. Board's Pleasure

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt** 

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: County Manager <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Paige Dukes

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: