



County of King William, Virginia

Board of Supervisors

ORDINANCE 12-25

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND KING WILLIAM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 10-69 PERTAINING TO DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

WHEREAS the King William County Board of Supervisors (the Board) wishes to amend Ordinance 10-22 of the King William County Code Chapter 10-69 - Dogs running at large; and

WHEREAS the Board conducted a duly advertised public hearing on October 14, 2025, to accept public comment in consideration of the following amendments:

Amend the Ordinance to remove the language from Sec. 10-69(a) of “no dog shall be permitted to run at large in any part of the county from April 1 through May 31 of each year. All dogs shall be confined, restricted, or penned up during these months” and

Replace the language with “no dog shall be permitted to run at large in any part of the county, except when engaged in lawful hunting in the open season and accompanied by the owner or custodian” or “any part of the county zoned as a R-1 or R-R except when engaged in lawful hunting in the open season and accompanied by the owner or custodian”. and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT the Board of Supervisors of King William County, Virginia amends the King William County Code Chapter 10-69, to read as follows:

Sec. 10-69. - Dogs running at large.

(a) In order to facilitate inspection of current dog licenses and the capture of unlicensed stray dogs, no dog shall be permitted to run at large in any part of the county except when engaged in lawful hunting in the open season and accompanied by the owner or custodian

All other provisions of the Ordinance 10-22 adopted October 24, 2022 on remain in full force and effect. The amendments outlined above shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Board of Supervisors.

State Law reference – Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6538; referendum on ordinance requiring dogs to be kept on leash, etc., Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6539.

Done on this 14th day of October 2025.