

ARTICLE 4. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

SECTIONS

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ACOs are hereby charged with the duties of enforcing this article and no person shall interfere with, hinder, molest or abuse such officers or other designated agents in the exercise of their powers or in the enforcement of this Chapter.

(Ord. 1796C; 05-17-99)

(Ord. 2685C; 09-02-14)

2-402. POWERS.

Whenever necessary to make an inspection to enforce any of the provisions of this Code, or whenever the ACO has probable cause to believe that there exists in any building or upon any property any violation of this Chapter, or whenever necessary to impound an animal, the Officer may enter such building or property at all reasonable times to inspect the same or to perform any duty imposed upon the Officer by this Chapter; provided, that if such building or property is occupied, the Officer shall first present proper credentials and demand entry, and if such building or property is unoccupied, the Officer shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other persons having charge or control of the building or property and demand entry. If the owner or occupant denies entry, the Officer shall obtain a proper inspection warrant or other remedy provided by law to secure entry. No owner or occupant or any other persons having charge, care or control of any building or property shall fail or neglect, after proper request is made as herein provided, to promptly permit entry therein by the Officer for the purpose of inspection and examination pursuant to this Code. Such refusal shall constitute a violation of this Chapter and is punishable as set forth in Article 5 herein.

Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to prevent the ACO from entering upon property without consent when the condition or animal is found in plain sight, not within a private structure, or under conditions constituting an emergency.

(Ord. 1796C; 05-17-99)

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