



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of November 14, 2009**

DATE: November 3, 2009

SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy Animal Control Officer

C. M. RECOMMENDATION: Appoint Ms. Laura Oliver to the position of Deputy Animal Control Officer.

ISSUES: County Board approval is required for Deputy Animal Control Officer appointments, pursuant to the Code of Virginia and Arlington County's contract with the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) has recommended that Ms. Oliver be appointed as a Deputy Animal Control Officer for Arlington County. Ms. Oliver meets all of the minimum qualifications for the position of Deputy Animal Control Officer:

- High school diploma,
- Good physical condition,
- Valid driver's license,
- No known allergies to pre-exposure rabies vaccinations,
- Ability to work well with the public,
- Ability to learn State and County codes,
- Ability to pass State mandated training course for animal wardens within one year of appointment, and
- Certified in chemical immobilization

BACKGROUND:

Prior to joining the Animal Welfare League of Arlington in August 2009, Ms. Oliver was the Director of Animal Control at the Washington Humane Society in Washington, D.C. She has 10 years of animal control experience, both in the field and in managerial positions. Ms. Oliver attended the University of Maryland and graduated with a B.S. in Biology. Since joining AWLA, she has received on-the-job training and has become familiar with Arlington County and its citizens. She is proficient with handling both domestic animals and wildlife. She is certified to perform animal euthanasia and is certified in chemical immobilization.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. This position is already included in the budget for AWLA, which is under contract with Arlington County to provide animal control services.

County Attorney: ARC/SAM

County Manager: RCMAA

Staff: Evelyn Poppell, Public Health, DHS