

RESOLUTION NO. 80-12

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO USE THE
TERM “GUARDIAN” IN LIEU OF “OWNER” IN DIVISION 416 OF THE COUNTY CODE**

WHEREAS, usage of the term “guardian” instead of “owner” promotes a compassionate relationship between person and animal; and

WHEREAS, although “guardian” does not change the legal meaning, the word connotes the responsibility people have for the care, welfare, treatment and quality of life of an animal in a person’s charge; and

WHEREAS, “guardian” is a more accurate term to define a relationship with an animal; and

WHEREAS, when using the term “owner” it encourages others to view them as material possessions but “guardian” communicates the emotional value of animals;

WHEREAS, young people who learn that their role as an animal guardian is a valued personal characteristic – something to take pride in – are less likely to abuse or abandon their animal companions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond City Council urges the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors to amend Title 4 of the Health and Safety Code, Division 416 entitled “Animals” such that “Guardian” is used in lieu of “Owner.”

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Members of the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 19, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Beckles Booze, Butt, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Bates.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 80-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 19, 2012.