

May 21, 2018

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**  
Proposed Amendments to Rabies Control Rules and Regulations for  
Oglethorpe County

Please take note that the Oglethorpe County Board of Health proposes to repeal the current Rabies Control Rules and Regulations for Oglethorpe County and replace them with recently DPH adopted Chapter 511-2-7 Rules for Rabies Control pursuant to its authority under O.C.G.A. § 31-3-6 and O.C.G.A. § 31-19.

The current rabies regulations are outdated. The pace of scientific research into rabies and improvements in best practices in rabies control is such that the public and county health departments are better served by regulations which permit the Department to update its rabies control guidance through revisions to its “Rabies Control Manual” rather than through rulemaking.

These Rules for Rabies control may be viewed at [www.publichealthathens.com](http://www.publichealthathens.com) or at the local environmental health office, located at 305 Union Point Road, Lexington, GA 30648, during normal business hours.

The Oglethorpe County Board of Health solicits your comments for this action. Comments can be made in writing by mail to the Oglethorpe County Environmental Health Office to be received prior to the public hearing date, or orally at a hearing before a Hearing Officer 9:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 10, 2018, in the Oglethorpe County Health Department Conference Room located 305 Union Point Road, Lexington, GA 30648.

All comments received will be presented to the Board at its next regular meeting. This notice is issued pursuant to the Oglethorpe County Board of Health By-Laws.