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County Animal Control moves outside New Braunfels

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County residents needing to purchase a required county pet license or rent a trap will no longer need to drive into New Braunfels to do so.

The county's Animal Control Office, a part of the Comal County Sheriff's Office, has moved to 145 David Jonas Drive, off U.S. Highway 46 between New Braunfels and Bulverde, effective today.

"This move allows our Animal Control officers to be more centrally located within the county and provide better service to the community until they receive updated space," said Lt. Mike Smith.

The Animal Control Office comprises four officers, a supervisor and an office manager. Residents living in the unincorporated areas of the county can report a stray animal by calling 830-608-2016 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and the Sheriff's Office main non-emergency number at 830-620-3400 after hours.

As of today, the Animal Control Office is in the same building as the county Fire Marshal's Office and Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace and Constable's offices; additional space for Animal Control is included in preliminary plans for the Walter Fellers Law Enforcement Center renovation, which is part of the \$76 million Comal County Jail construction project.

The new offices are not expected to be complete until at least 2020. Smith said that although the move is temporary, it strikes a balance between the office's need for updated space and a desire to be more centrally located.

"We believe a more central location helps Animal Control officers serve the public more effectively," he said, "just as having updated space will help them do their jobs more efficiently once the renovation is complete."

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