

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF LOUISA

ORDINANCE NO. 00- 07

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANIMALS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LOUISA, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I:

- [A] As used in this Ordinance, the following terms mean:
- (1) "Owner" Any person, partnership, or corporation, owning, keeping or harboring animals; or permitting animals to remain on or about premises owned or occupied by him;
 - (2) "Animal" Any living creature, domestic or wild;
 - (3) "Restraint" An animal shall be deemed to be under restraint if on the premises of its owners or if accompanied by a responsible person and under that person's control;
 - (4) "Person" An individual, partnership, company, or corporation.
- [B] All animals shall be kept under restraint either by leash or by being kept in an enclosure and no animal shall be permitted to run at large at any time.
- [C] Unrestrained animals or animals at large may be taken by police, the county dog warden, or the humane society and impounded in an animal shelter. In the event capture cannot be effected promptly, the police or dog warden are authorized to destroy the animal. Animals not claimed by their owners within seven [7] days shall be eligible for adoption or may be destroyed.

- [D] Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if an animal is found at large and its owner can be identified and located, such animal need not be impounded but may, instead, be taken to the owner. In such case, the policeman, dog warden or other officer may proceed against the owner for violation of this ordinance.
- [E] It shall be unlawful for any owner to fail to exercise proper care and control of his animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance. Excessive, continuous, or untimely barking at any time of the day or night, molesting passerby, chasing vehicles, habitually attacking other domestic animals, trespassing upon school grounds, or trespassing upon private property shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance.
- [F] It shall be unlawful to permit any dangerous or vicious animal of any kind to run at large in the city; exhibitions or parades of animals which are *ferae naturae* in the eyes of the law may be conducted only upon securing a permit from the chief of police.
- [G] The county dog warden shall have police powers in the enforcement of this ordinance and no person shall interfere with, hinder, molest, or abuse any officer in the exercise of such powers.

SECTION II:

- [A] The members of the police department or any other person in the city, are authorized to kill any dangerous animal of any kind when it is necessary for the protection of any person or

property.

- [B] All dogs shall be vaccinated in accordance with KRS 258.015 and shall be licensed in accordance with KRS 258.135. All animals shall wear a collar identifying the owner and all animals shall be vaccinated against rabies as authorized by KRS 258.087;
- [C] Any animal found in the city which is not properly vaccinated, licensed, or wearing proper identification or running at large under conditions set forth above shall constitute declared to be a nuisance and shall be impounded as hereinafter provided.
- [D] Whenever a dog or cat bites a person, the owner of said animal shall immediately notify the chief of police or county dog warden who shall order the animal held on the owner's premises or shall have it impounded for a period of two weeks. The animal shall be examined immediately after it has bitten anyone and again at the end of the two week period. If at the end of the two weeks, a veterinarian is convinced that the animal is free from rabies, the animal shall be released from quarantine or from the pound as the case may be. If the animal dies in the meanwhile, its head shall be sent to the state department of health for examination for rabies.

SECTION III:

- [A] Any person violating any provision on this Ordinance shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 for the first offense; not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 for the second offense with a six month period; and not less than

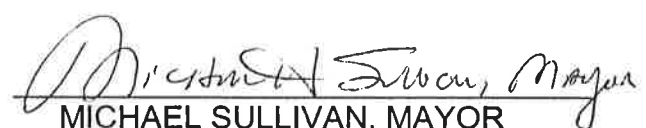
\$500.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for any third or subsequent offense within a six month period.

[B] In addition to the penalties set forth in [A] herein, the owner of any animal taken to the animal shelter shall pay all fees and charges assessed by the animal shelter and shall further be subject to the rules and regulations of the animal shelter.

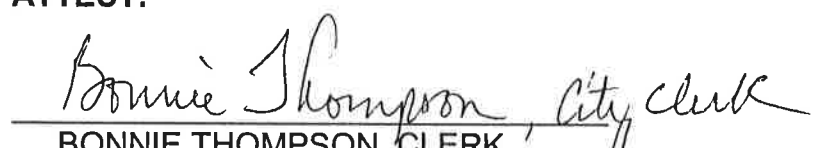
INTRODUCED, SECONDED AND GIVEN FIRST READING, at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of Louisa, Kentucky, held on the 12 day of Sept, 2000.

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