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ADOPTION

INTRODUCTION

AMENDED  
CITY OF COVINGTON

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014- 05

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7 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON  
8 AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE  
9 COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 14  
10 ANIMALS, **SEC. 14-1. DEFINITIONS, SEC. 14-5. KEEPING OF**  
11 **CERTAIN ANIMALS REGULATED AND SEC. 14-8.**  
12 **DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS ANIMALS**  
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15 WHEREAS, certain amendments have been suggested to the sections of the  
16 Code addressing the determination of vicious animals; and

17 WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems these amendments  
18 appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with  
21 law,

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City  
23 of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 14 Animals, Sec. 14-1.  
24 Definitions, shall be amended to read as follows:

25 Sec. 14-1. Definitions.

26 Dangerous animal: means any animal may be classified as dangerous if:

27 (5) It is deemed dangerous by the ~~St. Tammany Parish Department of Animal~~  
28 ~~Services:~~ Covington Police Department.  
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30 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of  
31 Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 14 Animals, Sec. 14-5.  
32 Keeping of certain animals regulated, shall be amended to read as follows:

33 Sec. 14-5. Keeping of certain animals regulated.

34 No person shall keep, harbor or maintain any horse, mule, cattle or other livestock  
35 within 200 feet of any residence within the city; provided, however, that the owner  
36 of any horse shall have the right to keep, harbor and maintain such animal within  
37 100 feet of his own residence, provided the boundaries of the property upon which  
38 such horse is maintained shall not be less than 200 feet from any other residence.

39 It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, own, breed, or otherwise bring into  
40 the city any live wild or exotic animal.

41 Any animal determined by the ~~St. Tammany Parish Department of Animal~~  
42 ~~Services~~ Covington Police Department to be of a type specifically banned may be  
43 subject to immediate impoundment. The owner or possessor of the animal shall  
44 have ten days following the date of impoundment or notice to provide a verifiable  
45 plan for removal of the animal from the parish. If after ten days, the owner or

1 possessor has not provided proof of an appropriate plan to the satisfaction of the  
2 ~~St. Tammany Parish~~ Department of Animal Services, the animal may be  
3 euthanized. An impounded animal for which no owner or possessor can be located  
4 within three days of impoundment may be euthanized or otherwise removed from  
5 the parish at the discretion of the parish department of animal services.  
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7 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of  
8 Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 14 Animals, Sec. 14-8.  
9 Dangerous and vicious animals, shall be amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 14-8. Dangerous and vicious animals.

11 (b) Control of dangerous animals:

12 (4) The owner and/or keeper of any dangerous animal shall:

13 a. Upon designation of the animal being dangerous by the ~~department of~~  
14 ~~animal services~~ **Covington Police Department** as a result of complaint or by other  
15 means, the owner and/or keeper will surrender said animal to the department of  
16 animal services to be impounded at the parish animal shelter until the owner and/or  
17 keeper provides an enclosure for the animal as defined in section 14-1 or for a  
18 maximum period of 30 days.

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20 Appeal mechanism: In the event that an animal is deemed dangerous by the ~~St.~~  
21 ~~Tammany Parish Department of Animal Services,~~ **Covington Police Department,**  
22 the owner and/or keeper of said animal can appeal that determination to the animal  
23 shelter advisory board, which shall convene and make a recommendation to be  
24 ratified by the city council.  
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26 (c) Vicious animals:

27 Animal determined as vicious: Any animal previously classified as dangerous  
28 which subsequently violates any section of this article, or whose owner/keeper  
29 subsequently violates any requirements established for the harboring of dangerous  
30 animals by this article, may be deemed vicious by the ~~department of animal~~  
31 ~~services.~~ **Covington Police Department.**  
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34 ~~Tammany Department of Animal Services~~ **Covington Police Department,** the  
35 owner and/or keeper of said animal can appeal that determination to the animal  
36 shelter advisory board, which shall convene and make a recommendation to be  
37 ratified by the city council.  
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39 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all other sections of Chapter 14  
40 Animals, shall remain the same and in full force.

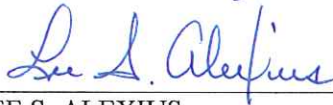
41 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision of this ordinance  
42 shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein  
43 which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the  
44 provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

45 **WHEREUPON,** this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having  
46 been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City  
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2 of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole,  
3 the vote thereon being as follows:

4 **MOVED FOR ADOPTION** by <sup>as amended</sup> Coner, seconded by Rolling.  
5 **YEAS:** 6 **ABSENT:** 1 (CALLAHAN)  
6 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

7 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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11 LEE S. ALEXIUS  
12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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15 BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
16 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

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18 <sup>Acting</sup>  
19 Presented to the Mayor this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014, at 3:45 o'clock P.M.

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22 BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
23 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

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26 <sup>Acting</sup>  
27 Approved  or Vetoed  by the Mayor on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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31 MICHAEL B. COOPER GINA T. HAYES  
32 MAYOR (ACTING)

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36 <sup>Acting</sup>  
37 Received from the Mayor on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014, at 3:50 o'clock  
38 P.M.

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42 BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
43 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL