Introduced December 18, 2007, by Councilman Kingston, seconded by Councilman Canada, (by request of Administration)

Item No. 07-12-2700

ORDINANCE NO. 3450

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 6 Animals, relative to vicious dogs and related matters.

WHEREAS, the Office of Animal Control has requested that several changes to ordinance Chapter 6 be enacted so as to facilitate its operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 6 Animals, as follows:

Sec. 6-29. Owner responsibility.

Subsection 6-29(a) - Add the following language at the end of the paragraph: "All alleged violations of this subsection shall be heard by the Slidell City Court Judge. Upon conviction the Judge shall impose a fine of not less than \$100.00."

Sec. 6-63. Animal classification appeals committee.

Subsection 6-63(c) - Add the following language at the end of the paragraph, "The City Council shall, upon the request of the Animal Control Director, appoint an alternate or alternates to serve on the committee."

Sec. 6-64. Liability insurance for dangerous dogs.

The provisions of Section 6-64 shall be deleted from that Section and reenacted as Subsection 6-66(d)(3).

Sec. 6-66. Dangerous dogs.

- Subsection 6-66(d)(1) - Delete paragraph (1) and replace with the following language: "A number shall be assigned to each dog that has

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been classified as dangerous. The Animal Control Center shall cause the dog to be transported to a veterinarian of the owner's choice who shall insert a microchip in the dog at the owner's expense. Any dangerous dog already microchipped need not be rechipped if the existing microchip is legible and can properly identify the dog."

- Subsection 6-66(d)(3) Add the language from Section 6-64.
- Subsection 6-66(f) Add the following language at the end of the paragraph, "The chain link fencing shall be covered in a manner so as to be nontransparent. The Animal Control Director or his designee shall approve the location of the structure."
- Subsection 6-66(I) Delete the phrase "the animal control center or" and replace with "a".
- Subsection 6-66(m) Delete and replace with the following language:

 "The owner shall comply with the provisions of subsections (e), (f) and (g)
 within ten days after the dog has been classified as dangerous."
- Subsection 6-66(n) Delete and replace with the following language:
 "The owner may remove the dangerous dog from the Slidell city limits.

 However, the provisions of subsection (d)(1) shall apply and the owner shall execute a hold harmless agreement prescribed by the Animal Control Director."

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- Subsection 6-66(o) Delete the phrase "seizure warrant may be requested" and replace with "the animal may be seized and sheltered at the Animal Control facility at the owner's expense".
- Subsection 6-66(p) In the first sentence substitute "this section" for "this part";
- Subsection 6-66(p) In the second sentence substitute "shall" for "may";
- Subsection 6-66(p) Add the following language at the end of the first paragraph: "All alleged violations of this Section shall be heard by the Slidell City Court Judge. Upon conviction the Judge shall order the violator to pay restitution for all veterinary charges arising out of the violation."
- Subsection 6-66(q)(1) Add the following language ", excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays," after "five days" in each instance where it appears in the paragraph.
- Subsection 6-66(q)(2) Delete and replace with the following language:
 "The committee shall set the appeal for hearing and give the owner at least five (5) business days notice in writing of the date and place of such hearing."
- Subsection 6-66(q)(3) Delete and replace with the following language: "The owner shall, until final disposition of the appeal, comply with the subsections (d)(3), (f), (g) and (h) or sheltered at the Animal Control

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facility at the owner's expense. The fees for reclaiming the animal and sheltering shall be prescribed by the Animal Control Director."

Sec. 6-67. Vicious Dog.

Subsection 6-67(a)(2) is amended to add "(1), (2) or (3)" after "6-66(a)".

ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2008.

Raymond H. Canada President of the Council Councilman, District E

Ben O. Morris

Mayor

To Mayor: 1/23/08 3:50 pm

From Mayor: 1/25/08 1:40 p.m

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator