

1 Introduced October 27, 2009, by Councilman
2 Hursey, seconded by Councilman Hicks, (by
3 request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 09-10-2830**

5 **ORDINANCE NO. 3558**

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8 An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter
9 6 Animals.

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

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13 **Chapter 6. Animals**
14 **ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**
15 **Sec. 6-1. Definitions.**

16 Add the following new definitions:

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18 *Abandon* means to completely forsake and desert an animal previously
19 under the custody or possession of a person without making reasonable
20 arrangements for its proper care, sustenance and shelter.

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22 *Breeder* is a person who breeds specific animals. An individual who breeds
23 or raises, on his own premises, not more than a single litter of pups or kittens shall
24 not be considered to be a commercial kennel for purposes of this Chapter. A
25 breeder shall not conduct any breeding activity upon any premises zoned by the
26 City as residential.”

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28 Amend the following definitions to read as follows:

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30 *At large* means any dog or cat that is not within the confines of its owner's
31 home, pen, or fenced yard, nor on a leash no longer than six feet in the case of a
32 dog, nor in the physical possession of its owner in the case of a cat.

33 *Dog kennel* means any enclosure used for retaining a dog or dogs.”

34 Delete the definitions for *Dog yard* and *Enclosure* in their entirety.

35 Under the definition for “Commercial kennel” delete “, pet stores”.

36 Delete the definition for “Private kennel” and replace with “means any person who
37 maintains at least seven but no more than twelve domestic animals over the age of
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4 four months on a residential property within the city limits. Such animals can be in
5 any combination. No more than a total of one litter of pups or kittens per year shall
6 be allowed in a private kennel.
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8 Add a new Sec. 6-4 as follows:

9 **“Sec. 6-4. Selling or giving away animals.**

10 No person shall sell, exchange, barter, trade, lease, rent, give away or
11 display any living animal on any roadside, public right of way, parkway, median,
12 park, recreational area, flea market, commercial or retail parking lot, or properties
13 adjacent to such locations that are generally accessible to the public regardless of
14 whether or not such access is authorized. This Section shall not apply to humane
15 societies, animal welfare groups, animal control agencies or non-profit organizations
16 sponsoring animal adoption events.”
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19 Renumber Sec. 6-4 to **“Sec. 6-5. Penalty for violation of chapter.”**

20 Renumber Sec. 6-5 to **“Sec. 6-6 - 6-25. Reserved.”**

21 Delete the contents of Sec. 6-26. Possession, and replace with **“Sec. 6-26. Reserved.”**

22 **Sec. 6-27. Permits.**

23 In subparagraph (e), after the word “kennels” in the first sentence, add “,
24 groomers and pet stores.”
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26 Make the following changes to Sec. 6-29. Owner responsibility.

27 **Sec. 6-29. Owner responsibility.**

28 In subparagraph (a) delete the following language at the end of the
29 paragraph, “All alleged violations of this subsection shall be heard by the city court
30 judge. Upon conviction the judge shall impose a fine of not less than \$100.00.”
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32 In subparagraph (f) delete the phrase “vicious by the court” and replace with
33 “dangerous”.
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35 In subparagraph (i) delete the following language at the end of the
36 paragraph, “Any person violating this subsection shall be fined not more than
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4 \$500.00 or imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or both, and in addition, court
5 costs may be imposed.”

6 **Sec. 6-31. Animal bite cases.**
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8 In subparagraph (c) add a “period” and delete the following language at the
9 end of the paragraph, “, and not until the animal has been examined by a
10 veterinarian at the expiration of the ten-day period.”

11 Add a new subparagraph (g) as follows:

12 “(g) All animal bite cases are to be impounded and transported to the animal
13 control center or veterinarian of the owner’s choice only by the officers of the office
14 of animal control or their agents. Because of extenuating circumstances, an animal
15 control officer may permit an individual to transport an animal to a veterinarian;
16 however, it shall be the animal control officer’s responsibility to ensure that the
17 animal in question be delivered to the appropriate designated veterinarian for
18 observation within 12 hours after impoundment.”
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20 **Sec. 6-32. Cruelty to animals.**
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22 In subparagraph (a)(5) delete the phrase, “in a pound or other place,”.

23 Delete paragraph (b) in its entirety.

24 Delete subparagraph (c) in its entirety and renumber paragraphs “(d) through
25 (h)” to “(b) through (f)”.

26 Delete “**Sec. 6-33. Transportation; movement of dogs and cats.**” in its entirety.
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28 Change Sec. 6-33 to read “**Sec. 6-33. Reserved.**”
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30 **Sec. 6-36. Redemption of impounded animals.**
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32 In subparagraph (a) delete the sentence beginning “If an animal is reclaimed
33 more than three times . . .” and replace with “If an animal is reclaimed more than
34 three times in a period of one year, the office of animal control may petition the
35 court to have the dog or cat removed from its owner and placed into the custody of
36 the office of animal control.”
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4 In subparagraph (c) delete the phrase, "will be required to pay the fees as
5 established by the city" and replace with "shall produce a pre-paid rabies receipt
6 from a veterinarian.
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8 In subparagraph (e) delete "ten working days" and replace with "five working
9 days."

10 **Sec. 6-66. Dangerous dogs.**

11 In subparagraph (a)(4) delete the first sentence and replace with "Upon
12 recommendation or determination by any law enforcement agency or an employee
13 of any animal control center.
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15 In subparagraph (d)(3) delete "\$100,000.00" and replace with "\$500,000.00".

16 In subparagraph (d)(f) delete "10-gauge chain link fencing and replace with
17 "9-gauge chain link fencing".
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19 **Sec. 6-67. Vicious dog.**

20 In subparagraph (a)(2) at the end of the sentence add "regardless of whether
21 such incident occurred within the Slidell City limits."
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23 **ARTICLE V. STANDARDS**

24 Change the title of SEC. 6-111 to "**Sec. 6-111 Animal establishment or
25 kennel; minimal care standards for commercial establishments.**"

26 **Sec. 6-113. Animal establishment; minimal care standards for private owner and
27 private kennels.**

28 Delete the language in subparagraph (d) in its entirety and replace with "All
29 dogs and cats shall be inoculated by a licensed veterinarian for rabies in
30 accordance with the State of Louisiana Sanitary Code Title 51, Part II, Section 103
31 and shall wear the metal rabies tag given by the veterinarian at all times."
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33 Delete the language in subparagraph (f) in its entirety and replace with "All
34 animals shall be kept from running at large at all times."
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36 Add a new subparagraph (n) as follows:

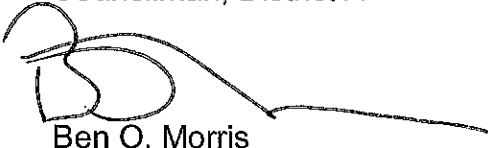
37 "Minimum kennel sizes shall be as follows:
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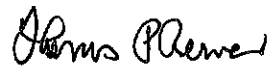
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4 1 to 20 pounds – 100 square feet (10x10) – 2 dog maximum
5 21 to 50 pounds – 150 square feet (10x15) – 2 dog maximum
6 Over 50 pounds – 200 square feet 10x20) – 2 dog maximum
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8 Outdoor kennels shall have at least one half of the floor area made of solid
9 material so as to prevent the dog from living in adverse conditions.”
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11 **ADOPTED** this 9th day of February, 2010.

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14 Lionel Hicks
15 President of the Council
16 Councilman, District A

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19 Ben O. Morris
20 Mayor

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