

ORDINANCE 954

An Ordinance amending and restating Chapter 4,
Articles II and III of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SLIDELL, LOUISIANA, IN LEGAL SESSION CONVENED:

Article II

Sec. 4-13. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following words and terms have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except when the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

(a) Animal. Both the male and female sex of all warm-blooded species.

(b) Owner. Any person, firm or corporation owning, possessing, harboring or keeping an animal.

(c) Dangerous. Vicious, fierce or mischievous. An animal shall be conclusively presumed to be dangerous when it attacks or attempts to attack any person or other animal; chases or attempts to catch any person; overturns a securely covered garbage container; or trespasses upon the premises of any person, doing damage to said premises.

(d) At large. Off the premises of owner and not under the control of the owner or other person by leash, cord, chain or other physical means of restraint sufficient in strength to control such animal.

(e) City. The City of Slidell, Louisiana, and any and every place within the corporate limits of the City of Slidell, Louisiana.

Sec. 4-14. Rabies Inoculation.

It shall be unlawful for any Owner to own, possess, harbor or keep an animal within the corporate limits unless the animal is inoculated against rabies, as provided by the laws of the State of Louisiana and the rules and regulations of the Louisiana State Board of Health. Each animal must bear a suitable metal tag approved by the State Board of Health bearing the serial number of the inoculation, the year in which the animal was inoculated and the name and address of the person administering the inoculation.

Sec. 4-15. Running at large prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for an Owner to permit an animal to be at large within the corporate limits.

Sec. 4-16. Swine, Livestock or Fowl.

It shall be unlawful for an Owner to own, possess, harbor or keep swine within the corporate limits. It shall be unlawful for an Owner to own, possess, harbor or keep livestock or fowl, such as cattle, horses, rabbits, mules, sheep, goats, ducks, chickens, geese, etc., in any place, pen, enclosure, etc., within 300 feet of any part of the dwelling of another person.

Sec. 4-17 - 4-20. Reserved.

Sec. 4-21. Contract with Humane Society Authorized.

The Mayor and City Council may enter into an agreement with the Humane Society or any other private or governmental agency pertaining to the enforcement of this section. However, any such agreement shall not relieve the police from their duties and powers to enforce the laws of the City.

Sec. 4-22. Emergency Impoundment or Disposition.

Any animal suffering or suspected of suffering from rabies or dangerous animal, the Owner of which knows or should have known the animal to be dangerous, found at large within the corporate limits may be disposed of without being caught or impounded by public health or humane society officials only. Such animal may be impounded at the discretion and under the direction of the Parish Health Officer.

Sec. 4-23. Impounding and Disposition.

Any animal caught in violation of this article may be caught and impounded. If the animal is wearing a tag showing a name and address, the Owner shall immediately be notified by written notice at the last known address that the animal has been seized and impounded. If the animal is not wearing a tag, no notification need be given. Unless the Owner claims the animal and pays the fee then in effect for catching the animal and the fee then in effect for each day of impoundment within five days, the animal may be disposed of at public auction or otherwise.

Sec. 4-24. Emergency Proclamation.

The Mayor and City Council may find and adjudge by resolution an emergency and promulgate rules and regulations for the duration of the emergency to safeguard the public from the dangers of hydrophobia.

Sec. 4-25 - 4-27. Reserved.

Section 4-28. Penalty.

Whoever violates any provision of this article in addition to any costs or fees imposed herein shall for the first offense be fined \$15.00, for the second offense be fined \$25.00, for the third offense be fined \$50.00, and for any subsequent offense be fined a sum not to exceed \$100.00, imprisoned for a term not to exceed 30 days, or both.

Sec. 4-29. Severability.

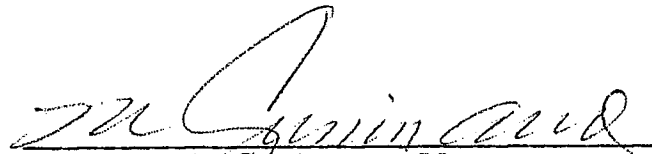
If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this article shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this article. The Mayor and City Council hereby declare that they would have adopted this article, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Sec. 4-30. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

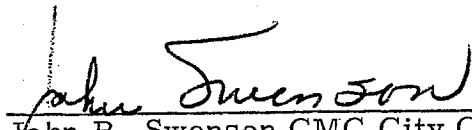
Any and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4-31 - 4-35. Reserved.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 1974.


Frank N. Cusimano, Mayor

ATTEST:


John R. Swenson CMC City Clerk