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7 Introduced April 24, 1990, by
8 Councilman Berault, seconded
9 by Councilman Callahan
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11 Item No. 90-04-1432
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14 **ORDINANCE NO. 2328**
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17 An ordinance amending the provision of Chapter 4 Animal
18 and Fowls* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell to
19 define and establish provisions for the keeping of vicious and
20 dangerous animals.
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22 WHEREAS, the incidents of canine attack upon persons or
23 property have reached such proportions in this nation that
24 incidents involving serious injury or death to humans as a result
25 of attacks by dogs are occurring at a statistical rate exceeding
26 one per month; and
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32 WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and welfare of
33 the citizens of the City of Slidell it is necessary that dogs
34 exhibiting recognized traits of viciousness be controlled and
35 that penalties be imposed on owners of such animals who allow them
36 to roam the city at large or menace the citizens of this city.
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42 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City
43 Council that Chapter 4 Animals and Fowl* of the Code of Ordinances
44 of the City of Slidell be amended as follows:
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48 Sec. 4-14. Definitions. beginning with "Vicious animal:",
49 delete all the language through sub paragraph (4).
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51 Delete Sec. 4-18. Posting of signs for vicious animals. and
52 replace with the following:
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56 "Sec. 4-18. Dangerous and vicious animals.
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58 (A) No owner shall keep or permit to be kept within
59 the corporate limits of the City of Slidell any
60 fierce, savage, dangerous, wild or vicious animal
61 other than in accordance with the provisions of
62 this section.
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68 (B) As used in this section the following words and
69 terms shall have the following meanings, unless
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71 different meaning or intent.
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12 (1) Vicious dog means:

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14 (a) any dog that when unprovoked inflicts
15 bites on or attacks a human being or
16 other animal either on public or private
17 property, outside of the described
18 enclosure which houses the vicious
19 animal, or in a vicious or terrorizing
20 manner, approaches any person in an
21 apparent attitude of attack upon the
22 streets, sidewalks, or public grounds or
23 places of this city; or
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25 (b) any dog with a documented propensity,
26 tendency or disposition to attack
27 unprovoked, to cause injury or to
28 otherwise endanger the safety of human
29 beings or domestic animals; or
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31 (c) any dog which attacks a human being or
32 domestic animal without provocation; or
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34 (d) any dog owned or harbored primarily or in
35 part for the purpose of dog fighting or
36 any dog trained for dog fighting.
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54 (2) Enclosure means:

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56 (a) a fence or structure of at least six (6)
57 feet in height, forming or causing an
58 enclosure suitable to prevent the entry
59 of young children, and suitable to confine
60 a vicious dog in conjunction with other
61 measures which may be taken by the owner
62 or keeper of the animal, such as tethering.
63 Such enclosures shall be securely closed
64 and locked at all times and shall have
65 secure sides. Such structures shall
66 further have a secure bottom suitable
67 to confine the vicious animal.
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13 (3) Vicious act means:

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15 (a) Any attack on human beings or domestic
16 animals without provocation.
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19 (C) Requirements for registration and harboring.
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21 (1) Vicious dog shall be issued a permit by the
22 City of Slidell or have an existing permit
23 renewed after the effective date of this
24 ordinance provided that the owner or keeper
25 of said vicious dog meets the following
26 requirements:
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28 (a) The owner or keeper shall present to the
29 Animal Control Office proof that the
30 owner or keeper has procured liability
31 insurance in the amount of at least two
32 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00)
33 covering any damage or injury which may
34 be caused by said vicious dog. Said
35 policy of insurance shall require that
36 the insurer notify the Animal Control
37 Office in writing no less than ten (10)
38 days prior to any cancellation,
39 termination or expiration of coverage.
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41 (b) The owner or keeper of the vicious dog
42 shall display in a prominent place on the
43 premises on which the dog is kept a sign
44 easily readable by members of the general
45 public and fairly intelligible to young
46 children standing without the boundaries
47 of those premises warning that there is a
48 vicious dog on the premises. A similar
49 sign shall also be posted on the pen,
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13 kennel, or other structure or enclosure
14 in which the dog is housed or confined.
15 Signs must be approved by the Animal
16 Control Office.
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21 (2) Prior to the issuance or renewal of a permit
22 for a vicious dog its owner or keeper shall
23 sign a statement attesting under oath that:
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26 (a) The owner or keeper shall maintain and
27 shall not voluntarily cancel the
28 liability insurance required by this
29 section during the period for which
30 permitting is sought, unless the owner or
31 keeper shall cease to own or keep the
32 vicious dog prior to the expiration of
33 the permit;
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36 (b) the owner or keeper shall, on or prior to
37 the effective date of the permit for
38 which application is being made, have a
39 suitable enclosure as required by the
40 provisions of this ordinance for the
41 harboring of the vicious dog on the
42 premises where the vicious dog will be
43 kept or maintained;
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46 (c) The owner or keeper shall notify the
47 Animal Control Office or the Slidell
48 Police Department immediately whenever a
49 vicious dog is on the loose, is
50 unconfined, has attacked another animal,
51 or has attacked a human, has died, has
52 been sold or given away, or has been
53 relocated for keeping and maintenance to
54 another premises within the corporate
55 limits of this city. If a vicious dog
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13 has been sold or given away to someone
14 who is a resident of this city, the owner
15 or keeper shall also provide the Animal
16 Control Office with the name, address and
17 telephone number of the new owner of the
18 vicious dog.
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- 25 (3) Prior to the issuance or renewal of any
26 permit for a vicious dog, its owner shall
27 submit to the Animal Control Office a minimum
28 of two (2) color photographs of the dog
29 clearly depicting its color, approximate size
30 and facial characteristics.
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37 (D) Control of vicious dogs.
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- 39 (1) All vicious dogs shall be confined in an
40 enclosure which meets the requirements set
41 forth under the provisions of this section.
42 It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper
43 to maintain a vicious dog upon any premises
44 which does not have such a locked enclosure.
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- 51 (2) It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper
52 to allow any vicious dog to be outside of the
53 dwelling of the owner or keeper or outside of
54 the enclosure unless it is necessary for the
55 owner or keeper to obtain veterinary care for
56 the vicious dog, or to sell or give away the
57 vicious dog, or to comply with the commands
58 or directions of the Animal Control Officer
59 with respect to the vicious dog or for the
60 dog to be exercised in accordance with the
61 provisions of this section. Whenever the
62 vicious dog is allowed outside of the owner's
63 or keeper's dwelling or outside of its
64 enclosure, the dog shall be restrained with a
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14 strength of three hundred (300) pounds and
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17 Further, the dog shall be kept under the
18 direct control and supervision of its owner
19 or keeper at all times.
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23 The requirements of this section for the
24 maintenance of physical control over the dog
25 shall not be satisfied by the mere chaining,
26 roping, leashing or similar restraining of
27 the animal to inanimate objects such as
28 stakes, trees, posts, buildings or lines.
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32 (3) The owner or keeper of any vicious animal
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35 (a) Within thirty (30) days of the designation
36 of viciousness, as a result of a complaint
37 or by any other means, shall provide an
38 enclosure for the dog;
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40 (b) Within fifteen (15) days of the issuance
41 of a permit:
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43 (1) submit to the Animal Control Office
44 proof of liability insurance coverage
45 required under the provision of
46 subsection (C)(1)(a) of this section;
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48 (2) display the warning sign or signs
49 required under the provisions of
50 subsection (C)(1)(b) of this section;
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52 (3) sign the sworn statement required
53 under the provisions of subsection
54 (C)(2) of this section; and
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56 (4) submit to the Animal Control Office
57 the photographs of the animal
58 required under the provisions of
59 subsection (C)(3) of this section.
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13 Any dog committing a vicious act as defined by
14 section (B)(1)(c) or as determined by the Animal
15 Control Division shall be confined in accordance
16 with the provisions of subsection (D)(1) of this
17 section and restrained in accordance with the
18 provisions of subsection (D)(2) of this section
19 pending the final determination of the
20 viciousness of the dog as based upon the alleged
21 incident. A dog determined to be vicious shall
22 be similarly confined and restrained pending its
23 owner's or keeper's compliance with the
24 provisions of this subsection (D)(3).
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37 (E) Reporting requirements.

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39 (1) The owner or keeper of any dog, whether
40 classified as vicious or not, shall
41 immediately report to the Animal Control
42 Office or the Slidell Police Department any
43 attack by his dog upon any human being. Such
44 report shall contain, at minimum, the owner's
45 name and address, the name and permit number
46 of the dog, the name and address, if known,
47 of the person attacked, the extent of injuries
48 inflicted on the person, if known, the time
49 and location of the attack, the date on which
50 the dog was last vaccinated against rabies and
51 the name and address of the veterinarian who
52 performed the vaccination. Unless previously
53 submitted, if the dog is loose or otherwise
54 unconfined, the owner shall immediately submit
55 to the Animal Control Office or the Slidell
56 Police Department two (2) color photographs
57 of the dog clearly depicting its color and
58 approximate size.
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13 (2) The owners or keepers of any vicious dog
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15 Animal Control Office or the Slidell Police
16 Department in the event of any of the
17 following occurrences:
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19 (a) Any attack by the dog on any person or
20 animal or any property damage caused by
21 the dog.
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23 (b) The death or removal from the city of the
24 vicious dog.
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26 (c) The new address at which a vicious dog
27 will be kept should its owner or keeper
28 move his residency within the corporate
29 limits of the City of Slidell or sell,
30 give or transfer the dog to another
31 resident of the City of Slidell.
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33 Such reports shall include the name and
34 address of the dog's owner or keeper, the
35 name and permit number of the dog, the date
36 of the occurrence and, where applicable, the
37 name and address of the person or owner of
38 the animal attacked, the extent of injuries
39 inflicted, a description of the property
40 damage caused by the dog, the name and
41 address of the dog's new owner, the address
42 of the present owner's new residence and/or
43 the date on which the dog was last vaccinated
44 for rabies and the name and address of the
45 veterinarian who performed the vaccination.
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47 (F) The provisions of this section, other than the
48 reporting requirements set forth in subsection
49 (E) of this section, shall not apply to proprietors
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13 of animal hospitals located within the corporate
14 limits of the City of Slidell or to veterinarians
15 maintaining professional offices or clinics within
16 the corporate limits of the City of Slidell who
17 keep or maintain dangerous or vicious animals on
18 their professional premises in the usual and
19 normal course of their business, or to zoological
20 gardens, theatrical exhibits or circuses,
21 provided that such animal hospital, veterinarian,
22 zoological garden, theatrical exhibit or circus
23 possesses all permits required by the laws of
24 this City and State and complies with all other
25 regulations concerning the keeping and
26 maintaining of such animals.
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41 (G) Penalty. Any person found guilty of violating
42 any of the provisions of this section, other than
43 the provisions of subsection (E) of this section,
44 shall, for each violation, be fined not less than
45 two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than
46 five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or be imprisoned
47 in the city jail for not more than sixty (60) days
48 or both. Any person found guilty of violating
49 any of the provisions of subsection (E) of this
50 section shall be punished as provided by the
51 provisions of section 4-21 of this Chapter. Each
52 separate day on which any violation of the
53 provisions of this section 4-18 is shown to have
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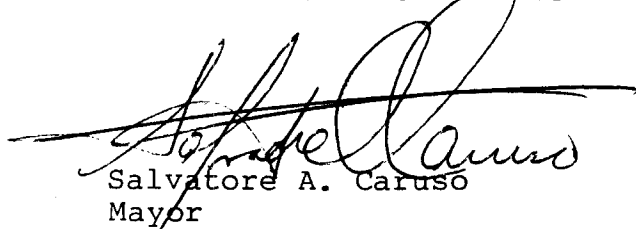
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14 ADOPTED this 22nd day of May, 1990.
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20 Bob Callahan
21 Councilman, District B
22 President of the Council

23 **DELIVERED**
24 5/24/90 10:45 a.m.
25 to the Mayor

26 **RECEIVED**
27 5/29/90 4:00 p.m.
28 from the Mayor

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30 Salvatore A. Caruso
31 Mayor

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