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4 Amended 7/14/92
5 by Ord. No. 2454
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7 Introduced July 23, 1991, by
8 Councilman Washington, seconded
9 by Councilman Berault (both by
10 request of Administration)

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13 Item No. 91-07-1516
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16 ORDINANCE NO. 2415
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19 An ordinance amending Chapter 4 Animals and Fowl* of the
20 Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell.

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22 BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that
23 Chapter 4 Animals and Fowl* is hereby amended as follows:

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25 Sec. 4-0. Definitions., delete the definition of

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27 "commercial kennel" and replace with the following:

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29 "Commercial kennel: Any establishment within the City
30 limits of Slidell which maintains more than twelve (12) domestic
31 animals in any combination, and which is operated primarily for
32 commercial boarding, breeding, buying, selling or rearing of
33 animals. Animal hospitals operated by a licensed veterinarian,
34 pet stores and animal shelters operated by a public jurisdiction
35 are hereby declared exempt from this definition. Commercial
36 kennels cannot be located in a residential zone and must be
37 located within the proper commercial zone as set forth by current
38 zoning laws of the City of Slidell."
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41 Sec. 4-0. Definitions., delete the definition of "private

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43 kennel and replace with the following:

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45 "Private kennel: Any person (s) who maintains more than a
46 total of six (6) domestic animals over the age of four (4) months
47 on a residential property within the City limits of Slidell, said
48 animals can be in any combination."
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51 Add the following to Sec. 4-0. Definitions.:

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53 "Private owner: Any person (s) who owns or maintains a total
54 of six (6) or less domestic animals, over the age of four (4)
55 months, on private residential property within the City limits of
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13 Sec. 4-1. Requirements for possession., add a paragraph (3)
14 as follows:

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17 "(3) Any owner of a dog or cat who reclaims said animal from
18 the Slidell Animal Control Department shall show proof
19 of a current yearly rabies vaccination. In the event
20 that proof cannot be obtained at the time of the reclaim
21 a notice to comply shall be issued to the owner giving
22 six (6) working days to secure a current rabies
23 vaccination or otherwise to show proof of a current
24 rabies vaccination as given by a licensed veterinarian.
25 Failure to comply with this part shall cause the
26 issuance of a summons to the owner who is deemed in
27 violation."
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39 Sec. 4-2. Permits., delete paragraph (e) in its entirety and
40 replace with the following:

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43 "(e) A permit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)
44 shall be charged for all commercial kennels. A fee free
45 permit shall be issued to all private kennels. All
46 permits are issued and renewable annually from the date
47 of issuance."
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53 Sec. 4-4. Owner responsibility., add paragraphs (g) and (h)
54 as follows:

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57 "(g) Abandonment: It shall be unlawful for anyone to drop
58 off, dump or abandon any animal within the city limits of Slidell.
59 This shall cover owned animals or strays which are picked up
60 inside the city limits of Slidell or outside of the city limits of
61 Slidell and are afterwards dropped off, dumped, or abandoned
62 inside of the city limits of Slidell.
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69 (h) Motorist Striking Animals: Any person who, as the
70 operator of a motor vehicle, strikes a domestic animal should stop
71 at once and render such assistance as may be possible and shall
72 immediately report such injury or death to the animal's owner; in
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13 the event the owner cannot be ascertained and located, such
14 operator shall at once notify the Slidell Animal Control
15 Department."
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19 Sec. 4-11. Redemption of impounded animals., delete
20 paragraph (a) in its entirety and replace with the
21 following:
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25 "(a) An owner of a dog or cat whose animal has been impounded
26 at the Slidell Animal Control Department shall upon the first
27 reclaim pay a fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, upon the second
28 reclaim pay a fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, upon the third
29 reclaim pay a fee of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. In the event
30 that an animal is reclaimed more than three (3) times in a
31 period of six (6) months the Animal Control Department shall
32 petition the court to have the dog or cat removed from it's owner
33 and placed into the custody of the Animal Control Department."
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37 Sec. 4-11. Redemption of impounded animals., add new
38 paragraphs (d) and (e) as follows:
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42 "(d) Holding Periods: An animal which is impounded as an
43 unidentified stray or at-large shall be held at Slidell Animal
44 Control for a minimum period of three (3) working days, excluding
45 holidays and the impound day. After the expiration of said time
46 period, the animal legally becomes the property of the Slidell
47 Animal Control Department and may be placed up for adoption or, if
48 necessary, at the discretion of the Animal Control Supervisor, be
49 euthanized in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and
50 the rules that govern the Animal Control Department.
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53 (e) Identified animals shall be held for a minimum of ten
54 (10) working days, excluding the impound day and excluding
55 holidays, after which time the animal legally becomes the property
56 of the Animal Control Department."
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Add a new Article VI. Enforcement as follows:

"ARTICLE VI. ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 4-22. Enforcement enabling guidelines.

(a) Animal establishments within the city limits of Slidell that are licensed by the Animal Control Department shall properly feed and care for all animals in their custody. The premises of said establishments shall be periodically inspected by an Animal Control Officer who shall issue a notice of violation if any establishment is found to be in violation of the Animal Establishment Minimal Care Standards as defined in Article VII. Standards. Said premises shall be re-inspected at a minimum of three (3) days to assure compliance and correction of violation. Violations requiring immediate correction shall be so ordered, as long as the correction can be reasonably accomplished in the Animal Control Officer's specified time frame.

(b) The failure to correct said violation after notice shall be unlawful and the Animal Control Department may choose to close the establishment and revoke it's permit and/or file a complaint with the city court. No new permit shall be issued to the owners of the establishment for a period of three (3) years, unless found not guilty on all charges filed or said restriction is waived in writing by the Animal Control Department upon a showing of rehabilitation by the applicant.

(c) The permit required by this section shall be prominently displayed in the establishment and be readily available for public inspection. The Animal Control Department reserves the right of entry into all areas of the establishment where animals are kept and maintained.

(d) All animal establishments shall be required to obtain a permit from the Slidell Animal Control Department if they are located inside of the city limits of Slidell or are doing business

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13 inside of the city limits of Slidell. It shall be unlawful for
14 the owner or operator of any animal establishment to allow said
15 establishment to become a nuisance or to emit such offensive odors
16 or noises as shall disrupt the comfort, peace, quiet or repose of
17 any person residing in the vicinity of said animal establishment."
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22 Add a new Article VII. Standards as follows:

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24 "ARTICLE VII. STANDARDS

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26 Sec. 4-23. Animal establishment minimal care standards
27 for commercial establishments.
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30 (a) Fresh water for drinking shall be available to all
31 species at all times. Containers are to be cleaned each day. All
32 water containers are to be periodically checked throughout the day
33 to insure that the water remains free of fecal matter, urine and
34 other debris.
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41 (b) All animals are to be fed a food that is free from
42 contamination, wholesome, and of a sufficient quantity and
43 nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements for the
44 animal. All animals are to be fed in clean containers that are
45 cleaned daily. All dogs and cats under six (6) months of age are
46 to be fed a minimum of two (2) times a day. All dogs and cats
47 over six (6) months of age are to be fed a minimum of one (1) time
48 daily. All birds are to have clean, fresh food at all times. All
49 fish are to be fed at least one (1) time daily. All rodents are
50 to have clean, fresh food at all times. These feeding
51 requirements as a minimum must be followed unless a special diet
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65 (c) All cages and enclosures shall be of a non-porous
66 material that is easy to clean and disinfect. There shall be
67 clean dry bedding in each cage to meet the needs of each animal.
68 Cage temperatures shall be maintained at a level that is healthy
69 for the species of animal kept in the cage or enclosure. Boxes of
70 sand or prepared litter shall be provided for cats and kittens.
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13 Cage floors shall be solid material, or if open mesh construction,
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15 continuous substantial material.
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18 (d) The water temperature for fish shall be maintained at a
19 constant temperature that is healthy for the fish in the aquarium.
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22 (e) No animal shall be kept in the darkness during daylight
23 hours.
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26 (f) Each bird shall have sufficient room to sit on a perch.
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28 Cages must be cleaned daily and cages must be disinfected when all
29 birds are sold.
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32 (g) Adult animals of opposite sexes shall be kept in
33 separate cages except in cases of planned breeding.
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36 (h) All sick, injured, or diseased animals shall be kept
37 in a separate and isolated area away from other animals and the
38 general public. A record of treatment, medication and veterinary
39 care must be kept up to date and with the animal at all times.
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41 The animal will not be placed in contact with the general public
42 or other animals until it is certified healthy in writing by a
43 licensed veterinarian.
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46 (i) All animals must be fed and watered and have their
47 cages or runs cleaned daily including weekends and holidays.
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50 (j) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any
51 animal establishment to offer for sale or trade any animal that is
52 known or suspected to be ill, sick, injured, diseased or the
53 carrier of a disease.
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56 (k) Use of Drugs.

57 No animal shall be given any alcoholic beverage or
58 narcotic drugs, central nervous system stimulants, hallucinogenic
59 drugs or barbiturates. Animal Shelters operated by public
60 jurisdiction or veterinary medical facilities are exempt from this
61 requirement.
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64 (l) Avoidance of mistreatment.

65 Animals are not to be teased, abused, mistreated,
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13 annoyed, tormented, over crowded, or in any manner made to suffer
14 by any person or means. Animals which are natural enemies,
15 temperamentally unsuited or otherwise incompatible shall not be
16 housed or quartered together or so near each other as to cause
17 injury or fear or torment. The use of any equipment, device,
18 substance or material that is, or could be, injurious or cause
19 unnecessary cruelty to any animal shall not be allowed.
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27 **Sec. 4-24. Minimal housing size standards.**

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29 The following are the minimum requirements for housing all
30 pets in kennels, cages, tanks, or other enclosures.
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<u>Species:</u>	<u>Weight or Age</u>	<u>Minimum Width</u>	<u>Cage Depth</u>	<u>Dimensions: Height</u>	<u>No. of Animals</u>	
36	Adult dogs in cages:	0 to 35 lbs.	36"(A)	36"(A)	30"(A)	1
37	Adult dogs in cages:	0 to 35 lbs.	60"(A)	60"(A)	30"(A)	2
38	Adult dogs in cages:	0 to 35 lbs.	90"(A)	90"(A)	30"(A)	3 max.
39	Adult dogs in cages:	36 to 65 lbs.	36"(A)	72"(A)	36"(A)	1
40	Adult dogs in cages:	36 to 65 lbs.	72"(A)	72"(A)	36"(A)	2 max.
41	Adult dogs in cages:	66 lbs. and over	72"(A)	72"(A)	48"(A)	1 max.
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43	Puppies in cages:	0 to 15 lbs.	30"	30"	24"	1
44	Puppies in cages:	0 to 15 lbs.	30"	30"	24"	2
45	Puppies in cages:	0 to 15 lbs.	36"	36"	24"	3
46	Puppies in cages:	0 to 15 lbs.	48"	48"	24"	5 max.
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48	Adult cats in cages:	any size	24"	24"	24"	1
49	Adult cats in cages:	any size	36"	36"	24"	2 max.
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51	Kittens in cages:	up to 4 mos.	24"	24"	24"	1
52	Kittens in cages:	up to 4 mos.	24"	24"	24"	2
53	Kittens in cages:	up to 4 mos.	36"	36"	24"	3
54	Kittens in cages:	up to 4 mos.	48"	48"	24"	4
55	Kittens in cages:	up to 4 mos.	60"	60"	24"	5 max.
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57	Rabbits and guinea pigs in cages	any size	24"	24"	24"	1-2
58	Rabbits and guinea pigs in cages	size	36"	36"	24"	3
59	Rabbits and guinea pigs in cages		48"	36"	24"	4-5
60	Rabbits and guinea pigs in cages		60"	36"	24"	6 max.
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62	Hamsters		24"	12"	12"	8 max.
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64	Adult dogs in runs: (B)	any size	48"	72" (Min. 12"		1
65				higher than dog)		
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67	Adult dogs in runs: (B)	any size	48"	108" (Min. 12"		2
68				higher than dog)		
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70	Adult dogs in runs: (B)	any size	48"	120" (Min. 12"		3 max.
71				higher than dog)		
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73	Finches	any size	19 1/2"	10"	12"	4 max.
74	Canaries	any size	19 1/2"	14"	16"	3 max.
75	Parakeets	any size	18"	18"	18"	3 max.
76	Cockatiels	any size	20"	20"	18"	2 max.
77	Larger breed birds	any size	24"	24"	58"	2 max.
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13 (a) These dimensions may require modification to conform
14 to the body sizes of certain breeds. In no case should the cage
15 height be less than six inches (6") plus the height of the dog at
16 the withers, nor should the width or depth be less than six inches
17 (6") plus the length of the dog from the tip of the nose to the
18 base of the tail.
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24 (b) Where outdoor runs are provided for the housing of
25 dogs or other animals, each run shall have a covered portion for
26 protection against sunlight and rain. This covered portion shall
27 have a raised floor area suitable for the size of the animal being
28 housed.
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33 (c) All animal rooms, cages, kennels, shipping containers,
34 and runs shall be of sufficient size to provide adequate and
35 proper accommodations and protection from the weather for the
36 animals kept therein. As a minimum, sufficient space must be
37 provided for each and every animal in a single enclosure to,
38 separately and together, stand up, lie down, and turn around in a
39 natural position.
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42 (d) All confined or restrained animals shall be given
43 exercise proper for the individual animal under the particular
44 conditions. Dog kennel runs, if made of concrete, shall provide
45 adequate draining for proper sanitation. Droppings must be
46 disposed of and the runs periodically treated with an effective
47 disinfectant.
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50 (e) All caged birds must have enough room to move with
51 ease. A caged bird should be able to flap it's wings without
52 touching the sides of the cage.
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55 **Sec. 4-25. Animal establishment minimal care standards**
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57 **for private owner and private kennel.**
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60 (a) Fresh water for drinking shall be available to all
61 species at all times. Containers are to remain clean. All water
62 containers should remain free of fecal matter, urine and other
63 debris and should always remain easily accessible to the animal.
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15 nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements of the
16 animal. All animals are to be fed in clean containers which shall
17 be easily accessible to the animal.
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22 (c) All animals are required to have proper shelter. In
23 the case of an animal that is kept outdoors, a shelter must have a
24 minimum of three (3) sides, a waterproof roof and a floor. Said
25 shelter shall provide proper protection from the sun, rain, cold
26 and the wind. Housing for animals shall be structurally sound and
27 maintained in good repair. Housing for the animal shall allow, as
28 a minimum, enough room for the animal to stand, sit, and to turn
29 around comfortably. Proper housing shall always remain easily
30 accessible to the animal at all times.
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33 (d) All dogs and cats shall be inoculated by a licensed
34 veterinarian for rabies yearly. All dogs and cats should wear the
35 metal rabies inoculation tag given by the veterinarian at all
36 times.
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39 (e) All animals must be provided proper veterinary care in
40 cases of illness or injury where professional expertise is
41 required. Said care shall be provided in a timely fashion upon
42 need. In a case where professional veterinary assistance is
43 required and cannot be sought due to financial constraints or
44 limitations said animal should not be allowed to continue
45 suffering, if in severe physical pain, and should be surrendered
46 for euthanasia immediately.
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49 (f) All animals shall be kept from running at-large at all
50 times. Any dog or cat or other animal that is not within the
51 confines of it's owners' property shall be considered at-large.
52 All animal owners with fencing, dog yards, pens or other
53 enclosures shall maintain such structures in a sufficient state as
54 to prevent their animals from escaping. A dog may also be on a
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13 leash that is no longer than six feet (6') in length. Dogs
14 travelling in open vehicles such a pick-up trucks shall be
15 tethered at all times. The dog shall be secured so that at all
16 times no more than six inches (6") of the dog's head hangs over
17 the bed of the vehicle.
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22 (g) Female animals in heat shall be secured in such a
23 manner as to prevent unplanned breeding.
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26 (h) No animal shall be left unattended in a vehicle. An
27 Animal Control Officer upon a valid complaint of this nature and
28 in the presence of at least one (1) witness who will supply a written
29 statement on the incident shall be permitted to use all reasonable
30 means, including breaking a window, in order to free a suffering
31 animal in the following circumstances, all of which must be met:
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38 (1) A determination must be made before damaging the
39 property that the case may be prosecuted by the
40 Animal Control Department as cruelty to animals.
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42 (2) The animal shows physical signs of heat exhaustion,
43 convulsions, or other near death symptoms which
44 require immediate action by the Animal Control
45 Officer in order to save the animal's life.
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47 (3) Any such action by the Animal Control Officer will
48 require approval from the Supervisor or the person
49 who is Acting Supervisor at the time of the
50 incident. This provided that a Supervisor is
51 available upon a timely fashion as not to seriously
52 impede the rescue of the animal if required
53 immediately. (i.e. after hours emergency calls)
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55 (4) All reasonable attempts to contact the owner or
56 driver of the vehicle must have been thoroughly
57 exhausted.
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15 Animal Control Officer, Animal Control Supervisor,
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17 the Animal Control Department and the City of
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19 Slidell will be deemed not liable for any
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21 reasonable property damage in any such action taken
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23 so long as the intent was to save the animal and
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25 the damage to the personal property was limited to
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27 what was absolutely necessary.
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29 (i) It shall be unlawful to keep a dog continuously
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31 chained on a fixed chain. A fixed chain is one that is secured on
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33 one end to the dog and on the other end is secured to a fixed
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35 stationary object. Said chain or other material which is used to
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37 secure the dog shall in all cases have a minimum length of twelve
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39 feet (12'). Temporary fixed chaining is acceptable, but in all
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41 cases the dog should be periodically taken off the chain for
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43 exercise. Any area where a dog is chained shall be cleaned of
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45 debris and any possible entanglements.
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47 (j) All animal containment areas shall be maintained in order
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49 that excessive fecal matter does not build up and create
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51 unsuitable living conditions for the animal. All animal
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53 containment areas should remain free of excessive water build-up
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55 and/or excessive flooding or continuous standing water.
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57 (k) It shall be unlawful for any private owner or private
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59 kennel to offer for sale or trade any animal that is known or
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61 suspected to be ill, sick, injured, diseased or the carrier of a
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65 (l) Private kennels shall keep all sick, injured, or diseased
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13 (m) Private kennels shall adhere to Housing Standards as set
14 forth in Sec. 4-24. Minimal housing size standards, paragraphs
15 (b), (c), and (d)."
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22 **ADOPTED** this 14th day of January, 1992.
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26 **DELIVERED**
27 01/16/92 2:30 p.m.
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L.P. "Lynn" Barthelemy
L.P. "Lynn" Barthelemy
Councilman, District D
President of the Council

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31 **RECEIVED**
32 01/21/92 3:00 p.m.
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Salvatore A. Caruso
Salvatore A. Caruso
Mayor
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