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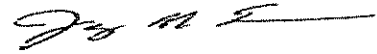
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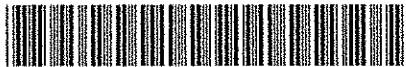
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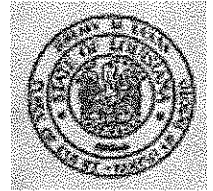
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TOWN OF STONEWALL
PARISH OF DESOTO, STATE OF LOUISIANA
ORDINANCE NO. 76 OF 2017

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE, DANGEROUS DOGS, UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT OF A DOG AND NO RABIES SHOTS FOR DOGS AND CATS WITHIN THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF STONEWALL; AUTHORIZING DESOTO PARISH ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS/DIRECTOR TO ISSUE TOWN OF STONEWALL CITATIONS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SUCH REGULATIONS OR PROHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SAME, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman seeks to enforce the DeSoto Parish Animal Control Regulations as per Ordinance Number 10 of 2010 et. seq., to help inforce safety standards for residents, pets and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman wishes to grant authority to the T.B. Yopp, Jr. Animal Control Director and designees to issue citations for any person found guilty of violating said laws.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

Definitions

Abandon: shall mean the act of completely forsaking or deserting an animal previously under the custody or possession of an owner or keeper without making reasonable arrangements for its proper care, sustenance, and shelter.

Adult animal: any dog or cat that has reached the age of 180 days or six months or more.

Animal: shall mean any vertebrate creature, living or dead, domestic or wild, including but not limited to mammals, birds, fowl, reptile, amphibian, and fish, except when referring specifically to the control of rabies when the word "animal" shall mean only mammal. For the purposes of this ordinance, animal shall not include homosapiens.

Animal control services: shall mean the entity comprised of the Director, supervisor, animal control officers, kennel technicians, office staff, and facility for impounded animals.

Animal control Officer: shall mean any person employed by the parish government and charged with the enforcement of this ordinance.

Animal services facility: shall mean the parish animal services and adoption center operated by the parish police jury.

At-large: An animal shall be deemed at large if, while unaccompanied by its owner or keeper, it is unrestrained on any road, street, public place, or trespasses on the premises of any person other

than its owner. Hunting, law enforcement and stock dogs while being worked by a responsible person shall not be defined as at-large.

Attack: shall mean aggressive, unprovoked behavior by an animal that would involve biting and/or shaking of its victim.

Bite: shall mean any puncture, tear, or abrasion of the skin inflicted by an animal.

Bona fide: for purposes of this ordinance, shall mean as verified by the Animal Facility Director or its designated agents.

Cat: shall mean a feline or the family thereof, either domestic or feral.

Collar: shall mean a band, chain, harness, or other device worn around the neck of an animal to which a vaccination tag may be affixed.

Companion animal: shall mean an animal; (including, but not limited to a dog or cat), whose species has adapted to life in close association with a human owner or keeper, (i.e. rabbit, ferret).

Confinement devices: shall mean an effective electronic or signal system designated to act as a boundary or enclosure.

Confinement requirements (dangerous): shall mean a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure suitable to prevent a dog from coming into contact with a human being other than the owner or any other animal and designed to prevent the animal from escaping. Pen or dog run area must have a secure top connected to the sides to assure that the animal cannot climb out. It shall also include a dog house or area to provide the dog with shade and protection from the elements. The pen shall provide a humane existence for the dog in addition to protection from the elements. When allowed on a leash, owner will muzzle dog.

Confinement requirements (general): shall mean no person shall suffer or permit any dog in his possession, or kept by him about his premises, to run at large on any unenclosed land, or trespass upon any enclosed or unenclosed lands of another. Nothing in this Part shall prevent any citizen of this state from lawfully hunting with a dog, provided the dog is accompanied by the owner or keeper. *State law reference: R.S. §3:2771; Dogs not to run at large, §3:2775; use of dogs for hunting.

Dangerous animal: shall mean any animal which:

- a) When unprovoked, attacks, bites, inflicts injury or otherwise assaults a human being or domestic animal or chases or approaches a person upon the streets, sidewalks or any public grounds in a menacing or terrorizing manner or apparent attitude or attack;
 - b) Has a known propensity or disposition to attack unprovoked;
 - c) Has undergone quarantine for rabies observation two or more times within a two year period;
- or
- d) Is not securely confined or tethered and jeopardizes any postal carrier, meter reader, inspector or other lawful invitee on the property of the owner.

Director: shall mean Director of the T.B. Yopp Jr. Animal Facility.

Dog: shall mean relating to canines, the family canidae, not including wildlife.

Euthanasia: shall mean the humane destruction of any animal accomplished by a method that involves the use of an agent which produces painless loss of consciousness and subsequent death during such loss of consciousness. *State law reference: Animal euthanasia with sodium pentobarbital, R.S. 40:1041 et sep.; animal euthanasia technicians, R.S. 37:1551 et seq.

Excessive barking: Unprovoked animal noises of such a loudness, intensity and duration as to prevent or interfere with a person's ability to enjoy his property, included but not limited to situations where:

- 1) On more than one occasion has awakened the complainant up from sleep; or
- 2) Continues in such a manner so as to cause mental anguish or suffering, loss of sleep or a disturbance of the peace.

Guard dog: Any dog that is utilized at a commercial establishment or that is used by commercial entity to provide security protection for employees, employers, property, goods and or equipment.

Impound: shall mean any act whereby an animal is taken into custody by an animal control agency or provider of animal control services for the parish where an at large animal is found.

Isolation: The secure, humane confinement of a dog or cat that has been bitten by a known rabid animal so as to prevent such dog or cat from coming in contact with any other animal. Isolation enclosures shall be so constructed and secured that entry will be limited to the owner of the confined dog or cat, with the primary enclosure so located within a secondary enclosure to prevent accessibility to the public.

Leash: shall mean a rope, chain or cord not more than 15 feet in length, or an electronic device, which is of sufficient strength to control the action of the animal and is affixed to such animal for maintaining direct control of the animal.

Nuisance by an animal: The damaging, soiling, defiling, urinating or defecating upon, or repeatedly trespassing upon property other than its owner's, excessive barking or noise making so as to disturb the peace and repose of persons living or working nearby, molesting, threatening, attacking or interfering with persons on private or public property, chasing motor vehicles or bicycles, attacking other domestic animals, or disturbing or turning over garbage or trash containers, or causing unsanitary conditions or odors on or about the premises of its owner by urination or defecation.

Owner: shall mean any person, business, corporation, or other legal entity that has a right of property in an animal, who keeps in his care, harbors, acts as custodian or guardian, permits an animal to remain on or about his premises, or feeds the animal for more than three (3) days.

Proper feed: shall mean the provision at least every twenty-four (24) hours of a quantity of wholesome foodstuff suitable for the species and age, sufficient to maintain an adequate level of nutrition in each animal.

Proper shelter: shall mean the provision of a suitable source of shelter from the elements so as to prevent unnecessary or unjustified pain or suffering to an animal.

Proper water: shall mean constant access to a supply of clean, fresh water provided in a sanitary manner and appropriate for the species at least every twenty-four (24) hours.

Provoke: shall mean any action which arouses, tempts, stimulates, or stirs an animal to action.

Unsanitary conditions: shall mean any conditions which encourage the breeding of parasites, insects, and flies and causes odors offensive to a reasonable person.

Vaccination against rabies: shall mean an inoculation with a recognized anti-rabies vaccine by a state licensed veterinarian or other qualified person under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.

Vaccination rabies certificate: shall mean a numbered certificate, giving the name of the animal owner, description of animal, year issued, valid time period, and certifying the animal was vaccinated against rabies by a state licensed veterinarian. The rabies vaccination tag number shall be recorded on the rabies vaccination certificate.

Vaccination rabies tag: shall mean a suitable tag bearing the same number as the rabies vaccination number recorded on the vaccination rabies certificate and the year issued.

Veterinarian: shall mean any person duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine by the state of his residency.

Veterinary hospital: shall mean a place where medical and surgical treatment is administered to the animals by or under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.

Vicious dog: A dog which is:

- 1) Attacked and caused severe and gross injuries or death to a human being.
- 2) Previously been classified as "dangerous" and subsequent thereto a violation of subsection "Dangerous dog" occurs.
- 3) Has previously been classified as dangerous and is found to be at large two (2) or more times.
- 4) Extenuating circumstances may allow the Director or Animal Control Advisory Committee additional discretion in determining if an animal is vicious.

*No dog shall be deemed vicious simply by its breed.

Owner's responsibilities:

Owners of dogs and cats shall be responsible for compliance with the following:

- 1) All dogs and cats, except any dog that is being trained for, or being used for the common and accepted practices associated with search and rescue and the legal hunting of game, including birds and animals, and the heading of livestock, shall be kept from running at large. The owner of a cat or dog which causes damage to another person's property shall be responsible for that damage. If a cat is shown to have damaged, with its claws, another person's property, the owner of the cat is financially responsible for the cost to repair the damages. If a dog causes damage to another person's property, the owner of the dog is financially responsible to the cost to repair the damages. Failure of the owner to follow the ordinance may result in the animal being seized and humanely disposed of.
- 2) Owners shall be responsible for practicing a flea and tick program.
- 3) Owners of animals that bite an individual or another animal are responsible for notifying the T.B. Yopp, Jr. Animal Facility immediately.
- 4) It shall be the responsibility of the owner to confine outside animals in a manner that will prevent the escape of said animal.
- 5) The owner of the dog housed outside shall provide a proper shelter which will provide adequate protection from the elements. In addition, the owner shall provide the dog access to an adequate water supply. The owner shall provide adequate food for the dog and must feed the dog at least once each twenty-four (24) hour period.
- 6) No owner shall tether a dog to a moveable object in which the dog must physically move the object in order to move about the enclosure.
- 7) No owner shall tether an animal on vacant property or any property not owned or rented by the owner of the animal.
- 8) No owner shall tether their dogs in a manner that would endanger the health, safety, or welfare of others or prevent emergency personnel from gaining safe and immediate access to the main entrance to the residence.
- 9) Any owner who legally tethers their dog must ensure:
 - a. The dog is tethered within an enclosed area restricting the animal to the owner's property.
 - b. The dog is secured in such a way where the tether will not become wrapped or entangled as to restrict the original length of the tether.
- 10) It shall be unlawful for any occupant or owner of a dwelling to keep or allow to be kept outdoors on the premises of any dwelling more animals than:

- a. There is adequate space to house said animals.
- b. The additional animals do not create a health risk for the humans or other animals which occupy the residence.
- c. The additional animals do not degrade the environment for the surrounding residences.
- d. All animals on the property have been properly vaccinated.
- e. The owner/caretaker of the dwelling has not received any legitimate animal complaints from adjacent residences or the surrounding neighborhood.

11) Must ensure any guard dog is registered with the T. B. Yopp, Jr. Animal Facility.

12) Owners of dogs that have been declared "dangerous" must register the dogs with the Animal Facility and abide by the provisions set forth in Section entitled "Dangerous dog, vicious dog".

13) Owners are responsible for limiting the number of cats in their possession so as they will not create a nuisance.

14) It shall be unlawful for an owner's animal to cause a nuisance by excessive noise by barking or otherwise causes a foul or offensive odor.

15) Any dog, whether vaccinated or otherwise shall not be permitted to run at large on any street, road, or other public place within DeSoto Parish.

16) Leashes are required on all dogs, in park areas, school grounds, buildings, daycare centers, or public places.

*State law reference: R.S. §3:2771; Dogs not to run at large; §3:2775; Use of dogs for hunting.

Dangerous dog, vicious dog.

(A) Dangerous dogs.

1) The Animal Facility Director or his designated agents may investigate reported incidents involving dogs that may be "dangerous". Upon such investigation, if the Director finds the dog to constitute a dangerous dog as defined in this section, said dog shall be so classified. The owner shall receive written notification of the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility's classification of the animal. A record of the dog will be maintained in the dangerous dog data base and file system at the Animal Facility.

2) Appeal process.

a. Any owner aggrieved by the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility Director's decision to classify the dog as "dangerous" may appeal that classification to the Town of Stonewall's Mayor Court within ten (10) days of notification. The appeal must be heard by the Town of Stonewall's Mayor Court at the next Mayor's Court date after the owner has submitted a notice of appeal. The classification of a dog as "dangerous" shall be revoked only by the decision of the Mayor.

b. Any person aggrieved by any action of the Town of Stonewall's Mayor Court may appeal said action to the Forty-Second Judicial Court as stated in LA R.S. 102:13.

c. If the owner fails to appeal the classification, all restrictions concerning the dangerous dog must be adhered to. Failure to abide by the restrictions will result in the seizure of the dog by the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility Director or his designated agents. Upon seizure, the dog will become the property of the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility and humanely euthanized as deemed appropriate by the Director.

3) The owner of a dog that has been classified as dangerous shall abide by the following mandates within thirty (30) days after the dog has been so classified:

a. A dangerous dog collar with owner identification tag shall be purchased and affixed to the dog to be worn at all times.

b. The owner shall immediately notify the T.B. Yopp, Jr. Animal Facility Director when a dangerous dog:

1. Is loose or unconfined;

2. Has bitten a human being or attacked another animal;

3. Was sold, given away, or died; or

4. Has moved to another address.

c. A dangerous dog must be securely confined indoors or in a securely fenced enclosure and locked pen or structure, suitable to prevent the dog from coming into contact with either a human being other than the owner or any other animal, and designed to prevent the animal from escaping. Then pen or structure must have minimum dimensions of six (6) feet by eight (8) feet or an enclosure not less than forty-eight (48) square feet. Such pen shall have secure sides of sufficient design to prevent the dog from escaping over, under, or through the structure. The enclosure shall provide a humane existence for the dog and protection from the elements. The pen shall meet all of the requirements of a dog pen. Then enclosures must be physical in nature, not invisible or electronic.

d. The owner shall prominently display signs around the secure enclosure no more than thirty (30) feet apart and at each normal point of ingress and egress to be purchased at the owner's expense.

e. A dangerous dog may be off the owner's premises or out of its enclosure only if it is muzzled and restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding four (4) feet in length and under the control of an adult (has attained the age of eighteen (18) years). The muzzle must be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration, but must prevent it from biting any person or animal.

f. The T.B. Yopp, Jr. Animal Facility, in its discretion, may require a dangerous dog to be spayed or neutered.

g. The T.B. Yopp, Jr. Animal Facility, in the exercise of its discretion, shall have the authority to make whatever inspections are deemed necessary to ensure that the provisions recited herein are complied with.

h. Prior to a dangerous dog being sold or given away, the owner shall provide the name, address, and phone number of the new owner to the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility. Each owner shall execute a document to be supplied by the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility, acknowledging that said owner is aware of the "dangerous dog" classification, and that said owner shall comply with the requirements of this title.

i. An owner of a dangerous dog shall have the option to have said dog humanely euthanized at his expense by the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility or licensed veterinarian if said owner is unable to comply with the requirements recited herein.

j. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or possess a dangerous animal on a porch, patio or in any part of a house or building that would allow the animal to exit or escape of its own volition. Screened windows or screened doors alone are considered inadequate.

k. The T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility shall have the right to inspect the premises of dangerous animals' enclosures to ensure compliance with the part.

l. The owner or keeper shall sign a hold-harmless and indemnification clause in favor of the parish.

m. If the T.B. Yopp Jr. Animal Facility reasonably believes that an owner cannot or will not abide by the above requirements, the dog may be seized by the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility Director or one of his designated agents.

4) Continuation of declaration as a "dangerous dog": Any dog which has been declared a dangerous dog by any agency or department of this parish, another parish, municipality, county or state shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter for the remainder of its life. The person who owns or possesses any dog declared a dangerous dog by any parish, municipality, county, or state government must notify the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility, if so delegated, of the dog's address and restrictions of maintenance, within ten (10) days of moving the animal into the parish. The restrictions and conditions of maintenance of any dog declared dangerous by this parish, another parish, city, county or state will continued to remain in force while the dog is in this parish.

B) Vicious dog

1) A dog will not be classified as "vicious" if the threat, injury or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, was unlawfully on the property with the intent to commit a crime or tort upon the premises occupied by the owner of the dog, or was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog or if the dog was defending or protecting its owner from unjustified attack or assault, or was protecting or defending its young or other animals from harm or attack, however the dog will be quarantined at the T. B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility for observation a minimum of ten (10) days to determine if the animal exhibits any sign of rabies.

2) The T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility Director or his designated agents may investigate reported incidents involving dogs that may be vicious. Upon such investigation, if the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility Director or his designated agent finds the dog to constitute a "vicious dog" as defined in this title said dog shall be so classified. The owner shall receive written notification of the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility's classification of the animal. Said notification shall include the procedure for appeal through the Town of Stonewall's Mayor Court.

3) Any dog that has been classified as "vicious" shall be impounded by the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility. The animal will be kept at the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility and placed in rabies quarantine, if necessary, for the proper length of time, or held for ten (10) days after the owner's receipt of notification, and then shall be humanely euthanized unless the owner initiates an appeal procedure within this ten-day period.

4) Appeal Process.

a. The animal will remain impounded at the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility until such time as the Town of Stonewall's Mayor Court hears and decides the appeal of the owner. The appeal must be heard by the Town of Stonewall's Mayor Court at the next Mayor's Court date after the owner has submitted a notice of appeal.

b. The classification of a dog as "vicious" shall be revoked only by the decision of the Mayor. If the Mayor does not revoke the "vicious dog" classification, the dog will be kept an additional ten (10) days pending a request for appeal by the owner. If an appeal is not requested the dog will then be humanely euthanized at the expense of the owner by the T.B. Yopp, Jr. Animal Facility. If the Mayor revokes the "vicious" dog classification, such dog shall then be classified as "dangerous"; and its owner shall be required to comply with subsection entitled "Dangerous dog, vicious dog, (1)". The owner must be present or legally represented at the hearing or any right to the appeal will be deemed waived and the ruling of the T. B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility Director will be final.

d. The owner will be responsible for payment of all boarding costs and other fees as may be required to humanely and safely keep the animal at the T.B. Yopp, Jr. Animal Facility through the appeals process.

*State Law References: R.S. 14-102:13 –hearing to determine if dog is dangerous or vicious 14-102:14A- unlawful ownership of a dangerous dog; 14-102:15A – unlawful ownership of a vicious dog; 14-102-16-18 – seizure and destruction or disposition of dangerous or vicious dogs et.seq.

C) Unlawful Restraint of a dog.

1) It shall be unlawful to tie, tether, or restrain any animal in a manner that is inhumane, cruel, or detrimental to its welfare.

2) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any of the following:

a. accepted veterinary practices.

b. Activities carried on for scientific or medical research governed by accepted standards.

c. A dog restrained to a running line, pulley, or trolley system and is not restrained to the running line, pulley, or trolley system by means of a pinch-type, prong-type, choke-type, or improperly fitted collar.

e. A dog restrained in compliance with the requirements of a camping or recreational area as defined by a federal, state, or local authority or jurisdiction.

f. A dog restrained while the owner is engaged in, or actively training for, an activity that is conducted pursuant to a valid license issued by the state if the activity for which the license is issued is associated with the use or presence of a dog.

g. A dog restrained while the owner is engaged in conduct directly related to the business of shepherding or herding cattle or livestock.

h. A dog restrained while the owner is engaged in conduct directly related to the business of cultivating agricultural products if the restraint is reasonably necessary for the safety of the dog.

i. A dog being restrained and walked with a hand-held leash regardless of the type of collar being used.

*State law reference: R.S. 14:102.26 – Unlawful restraint of a dog; definitions; penalties et. seq.

D) Dogs, Cats Vaccination and Rabies control

1) Required Anti-Rabies Vaccination

The owner or keeper of a companion animal shall cause said animal to be vaccinated with approved anti-rabies vaccine, the first to be administered at or about twelve (12) weeks of age, the second to be administered at or about one year after the initial vaccination and every year thereafter by a state licensed veterinarian. A rabies vaccination tag evidencing such vaccination is affixed to the collar or harness. Veterinarians shall not issue a rabies vaccination certificate or tag unless the dog or cat has been properly vaccinated. Any animal not vaccinated according to this section shall be subject to impoundment.

2) Certificate of Vaccination

When the veterinarian inoculates a companion animal pursuant to the provisions of this division, he shall present its owner or keeper with a certificated of vaccination which shall contain such person's name and address, a description of the companion animal by sex, color, approximate age, color, and breed, if known; the date of vaccination, and the rabies tag with serial number.

A vaccination tag bearing the same number as the certificate as referred to in section entitled "Required Anti-rabies vaccination" shall be securely fastened at all times to the collar and worn by such companion animal at all times when not confined in the owner's home or in an enclosed pen on the owner's property.

The owner or keeper of a companion animal shall exhibit to all T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility agents and Stonewall Police Department Officers such certificate whenever called upon to do so.

(Code 1978, §5-47; Ord. of 3-3-1926, §§2, 7)

*State law reference: Rabies control, R.S. 40:1275 et seq.

3) Confinement of rabies and suspect animal.

The owner of any animal that has symptoms of rabies or has been exposed to rabies or has bitten or scratched anyone, whether the animal be on or off the owner's private property, whether vaccinated or not, shall hereby notify the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility Director or his designated agents, and on demand, transfer the animal to the T. B. Yopp, Jr. Animal Facility for the purposes of observation. All charges related to the observation/quarantine period shall be paid in full, in advance, at the time of transfer. However, if the owner chooses, he may transfer the animal to a veterinary clinic for observation for a period not less than ten (10) days and provide the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility with proof thereof at the time of transfer.

*Parish law reference: Ordinance Number 10 of 2010 et. seq.

4) Holding/Boarding Period.

An animal impounded at the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility shall be kept for a period of seven (7) days excluding weekends and holidays, and unless claimed by its owner in said time, all rights of the animal held by the owner shall be forfeited and title to the animal shall pass to the T.B. Yopp, Jr. Animal Facility. All animals not claimed after the ten-day observation/quarantine period shall also be considered forfeited. Failure by an owner to claim an animal, traceable to that owner by means of a rabies tag, microchip, or owner acknowledgement, does not relieve said owner of charges and penalties assessed and established by resolution of the parish police jury as provided for herein. Repeated offenses will incur additional fees and penalties.

*Parish law reference: Ordinance Number 10 of 2010 et. seq.

E) Interference with enforcement.

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with any Stonewall Police Department Officer or T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Facility Agent who is engaged in the enforcement of any of the provisions of this article.

(Code 1978, 5-36)

F) Penalty

Whoever violates the Restrictions created by this Ordinance shall be fined and/or imprisoned in accordance with the following schedule. *Imprisoned not more than 60 days.

Offense	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	Subsequent Offense
Animal at large (Dog, Cat)	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
Mandatory Vaccination (Dot, Cat)	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
Dangerous/Vicious Dog	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Unlawful Restraint of a Dog	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$300.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that \$50.00 of each fine issued and by the Animal Control Director or his designee shall be paid to the T.B. Yopp Jr., Animal Control Facility for service fees.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application hereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption;

First Reading: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – Introduced and read by title and approved as read on motion by Alderman Nicholas Gasper, seconded by Alderman Dot Simmons.


Second Reading: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 – Having been approved on the first reading on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, was read by title and, following public hearing, was adopted as read on motion by Alderman Nicholas Gasper, seconded by Alderman Dot Simmons.

5 YEAS (Council Members: Dot Simmons, Pat Loftus, Margaret Dickerson, Randy Rodgers, Nicholas Gasper)

0 NAYS (Council Members:)

0 ABSENT (Council Members:)


THUS DONE, ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Stonewall, Louisiana, at a meeting of said public body, duly held and conducted on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in the Municipal Complex for the Town of Stonewall.


Shree Young, Town Clerk



Date delivered to Mayor: 5/10/2017
Date received by Mayor: 5/10/2017

Approved by the Mayor of the Town of Stonewall on the 10th day of May, 2017.


Charles Waldon
Mayor, Town of Stonewall