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ORDINANCE 2008- 92

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OWNING, KEEPING, OR HARBORING "VICIOUS DOG(S)"

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Reading, Ohio:

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Section I: Any person owning, keeping, or harboring a "Vicious" dog, as hereinafter defined, within the municipal limits of the City of Reading, Ohio shall provide proof of an implanted electronic registration and proof of liability insurance for said animal.

Section II: As used in this section, a "vicious dog" has the same meanings as in section 955.11 of the Ohio Revised Code. In cases where breed identification becomes necessary, the SPCA shall have final authority.

Section III: The liability insurance minimum coverage shall be not less than \$100,000.00 per animal covered by this Ordinance. Documentation of said insurance shall be provided to the City of Reading Safety Service Director on an annual basis.

Section IV: Proof of implanted electronic registration for animals affected by this Ordinance shall be provided to the City of Reading, Ohio Safety Service Director at the time the animal is registered with the City.

Section V: Person(s) found in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree for the first offence. Subsequent offences shall result in a misdemeanor charge of the first degree. In addition to any other sentence it imposes on the offender, the court shall order the animal be permanently removed from the City and/or destroyed. Persons found guilty of violating this section shall be responsible for paying all expenses, including, but not limited to shelter, food, boarding, veterinary and disposal related to the animal.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2008

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk of Council

Approved _____, 2008

Approved as to Form:

David T Stevenson, Law Director