

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 5 AND NO. 40  
REGARDING THE CONTROL OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS  
WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF GOSNELL, ARKANSAS;  
PROVIDING A PENALTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Gosnell did enact Ordinances No. 5 and No. 40 regarding the control of dogs and other animals within the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City to maintain those provisions of Ordinances No. 5 and No. 40 that are not repealed in this Ordinance and to strengthen the provisions of that Ordinance regarding definitions and requirements, particularly with regard to what is determined to be "running at large;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOSNELL, ARKANSAS, That:

SECTION 1: All those provisions of Ordinance No. 5 and Ordinance No. 40 regarding the licensing of dogs and/or cats or other animals and required vaccination shall remain in full force and effect as well as those provisions regarding the impounding of an animal with a qualified veterinarian that is reported to have bitten or scratched any person.

SECTION 2: DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance unless the context otherwise indicates.

(a) "Owner" shall mean any person or legal entity having a possessory property right in a dog or who harbors, cares for, exercises control over, or knowingly permits any animal to remain on premises occupied by them.

(b) "Running at large" shall mean not confined in an enclosure on the owner's property or, if not on the owner's property, under the control of the owner or other authorized person, either by leash or other method.

(c) "Enclosure" shall mean a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure upon the premises of the "owner" and such pen or structure must have secure sides and a secure top or be of sufficient height so as to prevent the animal from being able to climb the fence and leave the enclosure. If the pen or structure

and the running at large of dogs and vicious and dangerous dogs and animals within the City of Gosnell presents an immediate and dangerous problem to the City's citizens and an emergency is, therefore, declared and this Ordinance, being necessary for the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect upon and after its passage and publication.

PASSED this 10th day of November, 1987.

Carl B. Lullette  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jeanice Gray  
Clerk