

ORDINANCE NO.: ORD-11-05282024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, BY (1) AMENDING SECTION 4-29, CAPTIONED "PROHIBITED ACTS," OF ARTICLE II, ANIMAL CONTROL, CHAPTER 4, ANIMALS; (2) REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND (3) PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that Section 4-29(a) of Chapter 14, captioned "Animals" is hereby amended provide as follows:

"(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat to allow, cause or permit such dog or cat to enter any public hall, restaurant, ice cream parlor, soft drink parlor, or any office or store during such time that such office or store is open for public business, unless the dogs or cats are on a secure leash not more than ten feet in length. Owners of dogs or cats may allow, cause, or permit such dog or cat to enter city parks as long as the dogs or cats are on a secure leash not more than ten feet in length; provided however, dogs, cats or other domestic animals shall not be permitted in or on any athletic fields located in any Parks, as that term is defined in Ordinance Sec. 23-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City, with the exception of the Remington Park Sports Complex, where all pet animals of any kind, including, but not limited to, dogs, cats, and horses, shall be prohibited at all times. ~~Further~~Provided however and notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary, dogs shall be allowed to be off a leash inside the fenced areas of the city dog park, located at 415 South Pinetree Boulevard."

SECTION II

This ordinance shall be effective on the date of its final reading and passage.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and it is hereby declared to the be intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Thomasville that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrase of this Ordinance are and were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and the Council to be fully valid, enforceable, and constitutional.

SECTION V

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and it is hereby declared by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Thomasville that (i) to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section paragraph sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section paragraph sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance and (ii) that to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of his ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of his ordinance.

SECTION VI

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and it is hereby declared that in the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Thomasville that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or section of the Ordinance and that to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

SECTION VII

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the City council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, held May 13, 2024, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on May 28, 2024.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

By: Todd Mobley
Todd Mobley, Mayor

Attest: Felicia Brannen
Felicia Brannen, City Clerk

