

ORDINANCE NO 601-C

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 4, Animals and Fowls, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of DeQuincy, Louisiana:

ARTICLE II. LIVESTOCK*

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Secs. 4-13-4-20. Reserved

Sec. 4-21. Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following terms are defined:

At-large: Any livestock which is found at any time unattended by the owner or an agent or employee of the owner, at any place within the City other than fenced and enclosed land either belonging to the owner of the animal or under his use and control by virtue of a lease or other contract.

Livestock: Any animal of the species of horses, mules, asses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, hogs, ratites, and poultry generally bred for profit.

Owner of livestock: Any person owning or having control of livestock.

Sec. 4-22. Enforcement of this article.

Any police or law enforcement officer or animal services officers, shall take possession of and impound any livestock found at large in violation of this article.

DIVISION 2. RUNNING AT LARGE

Sec. 4-23. Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for the owner to allow any livestock to rove, roam, run loose or be at-large within the City.

Sec. 4-25. Impoundment charges, costs and penalties.

Any livestock found and taken in violation of this article will subject the owner thereof to a payment of a penalty as provided in Section 4-78 of this Code, and the further payment of such cost of impounding, herding, pasturing, feeding, advertising for sale, and selling said livestock as may be required. Each livestock animal allowed to be at-large shall comprise a separate offense.

Sec. 4-31. All other paragraphs, subsections, subparagraphs, clauses, phrases and words of this article, not specifically amended by this ordinance, are to remain the same.

Sec. 4-32-4-40. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. DOMESTIC ANIMALS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 4-41. Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following terms, phrases, words, and derivations shall have the meaning given in this division unless it shall be apparent from the context that a different meaning is intended:

Abandonment shall mean the act of relinquishment of the custody of an animal without making arrangements for its care, or leaving an animal confined without providing adequate shelter, water and feed.

Adequate feed shall mean the provision at certain intervals, not to exceed 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.

Adequate shelter shall mean a structurally sound enclosure made with such materials so as to provide the animal with shade and protection from extreme temperatures or elements.

Adequate water shall mean constant access to a supply of clean, fresh water provided in a sanitary manner or provided at certain intervals appropriate for the species, not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours at any interval.

Animal shall mean 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 article, animal shall not include homo sapiens.

Animal Services and Adoption Center shall mean such facility to be utilized by the City, as provided for in any cooperative endeavor agreement or joint services agreement, that the City may

enter into, for the provision of services similar to those provided by the Calcasieu Parish Animal Services and Adoption Center, as currently provided through agreement with the City of Sulphur.

Animal Shelter shall mean a place designated by the Mayor for keeping animals taken into custody under the provisions of this article.

Animal Warden shall mean the person employed by the City for the enforcement of this article.

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.

Basic medical care shall mean general health treatment expected for the care of the animal, as prescribed by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Bird shall mean any of a class (Aves) of warm-blooded vertebrates distinguished by having the body more or less completely covered with feathers and the forelimb modified as wings. For the purposes of this article, fowl, poultry, or ratites are not defined as birds.

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

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.

Confinement devices shall mean an electronic or signal system designed 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. The pen shall be constructed of 9-gauge material or stronger. The pen shall be no smaller than one hundred (100) square feet in area with sides no shorter than six (6) feet. The sides must be embedded into the ground not less than one (1) foot if the pen is not on a concrete slab. Pen or dog run area must also have a secure top connected to the sides to assure that the animal cannot climb out. It shall also include a material, 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 a securely enclosed yard, premises, pen, structure, or device, with adequate shelter, on the owner's property, suitable to prevent a dog from leaving the owner's property. Any dog confined within a fenced yard must have an adequate space for exercise having dimensions not less than one hundred (100) square feet. Where dogs are kept or housed on property without a fenced yard, the enclosure for such dogs shall be constructed of chain link or other material that permits adequate ventilation with all sides enclosed and shall contain an area of not less than one hundred (100) square feet. The enclosure shall be of sufficient height to prevent the dog from escaping. The area shall have a top, a dog house, or other area constructed with such materials so as to provide the dog with shade and protection from the elements.

Cruelty shall mean an act inflicted upon an animal with malicious intent to cause pain and or suffering to the animal.

Dangerous animal shall mean any animal that has demonstrated in overt ways a propensity to endanger the safety of humans or other animals by threatening, chasing, or growling without provocation, either on or off the premises of the owner.

Dangerous breed shall mean any of the following breeds of dog, which shall be presumed to be a *Dangerous animal*: Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, as well as any mixed breed of the above listed breeds of dogs or any dog-wolf mixed breed.

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

Domesticated animal shall mean an animal whose species has adapted to life in close association with a human caretaker.

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.

Exotic species shall mean any species of animal born or whose natural habitat is outside the continental United States as well as any non-domesticated animal indigenous to the U.S.A. which can normally be found in the wild state which is legally marketed within the pet market (see also *wildlife/wild animal* below).

Health unit shall mean the Calcasieu Parish Health Unit operated by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for disease control.

Humane society shall mean a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 status organization acting on behalf of the welfare of animals.

Liability registration certificate shall mean the certificate provided by the City to the *Owner* of a *Dangerous Animal*, upon a showing that the *Owner* carries liability insurance on the premises where they allow the *Dangerous Animal* to remain.

License shall mean a license given at the time the animal is vaccinated against rabies identifying the animal as residing in the City or Calcasieu Parish.

License fee shall mean a fee as set by the City for the licensing of any animal as defined by this article.

Mutilating shall mean a physical alteration of any domesticated animal by anyone not trained to do so.

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

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 licensed veterinarian or other qualified person under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.

Vaccination license certificate shall mean a serially numbered certificate, issued by Veterinarian in the manner otherwise provided for vaccinated animals in Calcasieu Parish, or otherwise as under an agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, giving the name of the animal owner, description of animal, year issued, valid time period, and certifying the animal was vaccinated against rabies and licensed by the Parish and/or City.

Vaccination license tag shall mean a suitable tag approved by the Director of the Calcasieu Parish Animal Services and Adoption Center bearing the same number as the vaccination license 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 animal shall mean any animal that has bitten or attacked a human, savagely attacked another Animal, or having been previously classified as a Dangerous Animal has committed an act on a separate occasion which would also classify the Animal as a Dangerous Animal.

Wildlife/wild animal shall mean any animal which occurs naturally, either presently or historically, in a wild state within the boundaries of the United States, including, but not limited to, animals indigenous to Louisiana. This includes any animal which is part wildlife (hybrids) as classified in the Compendium of Animal Rabies Control and the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians.

Sec. 4-42. Enforcement by Animal Warden.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by the *Animal Warden* and his designated agents. Parish or municipal law enforcement officials, and/or the Calcasieu Parish Health Unit shall be deemed to be the designated agents of the *Animal Warden* when called upon to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 4-43. Interference with Animal Warden or designated agents.

No person shall interfere with, hinder, or molest the *Animal Warden* or his designated agents in the performance of any duty of such agents or seek to release any animal in the custody of the *Animal Warden* or his designated agents except as provided in this article.

Sec. 4-44. Nuisance animal.

(a) The *Animal Warden* or his designated agent may designate an animal a nuisance if it engages in any of the following non-exclusive behaviors or activities:

- (1) Molests passersby, moving vehicles, or other animals while at-large;
- (2) Damages private or public property;
- (3) Barks, whines, or howls in an excessive and continuous or excessive and untimely manner; or
- (4) Causes unsanitary conditions or odors about the premises of the owner or others through urination or defecation.

Upon sworn statements of two (2) witnesses, not in the same household, in the immediate neighborhood, and upon a determination that the Animal is a Nuisance animal by the Animal Warden after investigation, the owner of the animal may be cited for violation of this ordinance and may be fined in the amounts provided for in Section 4-78 of this Code. Repeat offenses will follow the above described pattern, and additional fees charged.

(b) Provided further, upon the third offense by the owner of the animal, the owner shall be served written notice that upon the fourth offense the animal shall be impounded by the Animal Warden or his designated agents and shall receive a citation with a specified time period during which to respond. Failure to respond within four (4) days shall cause said animal to become the property of the City and transferred to the Animal Services and Adoption Center where the animal may be destroyed by euthanasia, or placed with a suitable person upon proof that this person shall prevent the animal from further nuisance offenses.

(c) Provided further, that upon a determination that the Animal is a Nuisance animal by the Animal Warden after investigation, with a single witness, the owner of the animal may be cited for violation of this ordinance and may be fined an amount not to exceed twenty-five (\$25) dollars. However, violations under this sub-part shall not be cumulative with or deemed to be initial or subsequent offenses for the purposes of sub-parts (a) or (b) above.

Sec. 4-45. Mandatory Vaccination.

Every owner of a dog, cat, or ferret shall cause said animal to be vaccinated initially with a series of two vaccinations, the first to be administered at or about three (3) months of age, the second to be administered at or about one (1) year after the initial vaccination. Dogs, cats, or ferrets initially vaccinated later than three (3) months of age shall also be administered a series of two vaccines, the second vaccine to be given at or about one (1) year after the initial vaccination. Subsequent booster vaccines shall be administered at or about one (1) year after the administration of the vaccine that confers one (1) year of immunity and at or about three (3) years after the administration of a vaccine that confers three (3) years of immunity. Any animal not vaccinated according to this section shall be subject to impoundment.

Sec. 4-46. Reserved**Sec. 4-47. Same--Who administers.**

The owner may take his animal to a veterinarian of his choice for all required vaccinations and licensing by the City or may avail himself of the clinics provided for in this article. Any individual or entity offering vaccinations to the public is responsible for contacting City or the Calcasieu Parish Animal Services and Adoption Center and obtaining approved license certificates and tags and following departmental guidelines for issuing same.

Sec. 4-48. Clinics: Vaccine.

The health unit is authorized to sponsor public clinics at any place or time of its choosing for rabies vaccinations and to arrange for the services of veterinarians at the clinics. The parish health unit shall supply administrative personnel. Authority has been granted for the Animal Service and Adoption Center to sponsor public clinics to facilitate vaccinations and micro-chipping of animals, and residents of the City may freely participate. The fees of the clinic services are to be set by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Animal Services and Adoption Center after consultation with the Calcasieu Parish Veterinarian Association and the health unit. Residents of the City may participate in and receive their animal's Mandatory Vaccination in this manner.

Sec. 4-49. Issuance of license certificate.

Upon having an animal vaccinated for rabies, the owner is required to pay the City license fee which shall be the same as the fee presently set in Section 5-60 of the Code of Ordinances of Calcasieu Parish. At such time the owner shall be issued the appropriate vaccination license certificate. If a three (3) year immunity vaccine has been administered, the owner is required to purchase the second and third year vaccination licenses on or about the anniversary of the original three (3) year vaccination. The City, through the Mayor, may enter into an agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to provide for receipt of the fees collected by Veterinarians residents of the City.

Sec. 4-50. Lost tag replacement.

At the time of vaccination the owner of any animal requiring vaccination under this Chapter shall securely fix to the animal's collar the license tag which shall be issued with the license certificate, and the tag shall thereafter be worn at all times. The owner's failure to keep the animal in collar with a current license tag affixed, at all times following the age at which vaccination is first required shall be a violation of this Article. However, the wearing of a collar and tag shall not be required for dogs actually in the field hunting under the direct and personal supervision of their owners, or for animals on exhibit at animal shows, provided the owner or person in charge of the dog shall have in his physical possession proof of current vaccination. Lost vaccination license tags may be replaced on presentation of a vaccination license certificate and payment of a fee equal to one-third of the amount of the license fee.

Sec. 4-51. Confinement of rabies and suspect animal.

The owner of any animal that has rabies or symptoms thereof 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 Animal Warden or his designated agents, and upon demand shall transfer the animal to the Animal Shelter or the Animal Services and Adoption Center, as directed by the Animal Warden, 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 Animal Warden with proof thereof at the time of transfer.

Sec. 4-52. Dogs running at-large; restraint; impoundment.

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.

Any citizen may, or law enforcement officer shall, seize any dog found unaccompanied by its owner or keeper and running at-large on any road, street, or other public place or trespassing on any premises other than the owners'. Citizens must immediately contact city authorities to provide details regarding the animal.

For purposes of this section, any person, business, corporation, or other legal entity that keeps in his care, harbors, acts as custodian, or permits an animal to remain on or about his premises, or is the registered owner of such animal shall be deemed the owner or keeper of said animal.

Any person owning, harboring, or controlling a dog, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, licensed or unlicensed, shall always keep such animal from running at-large by either:

- a. Securely confining such animal within an appropriate fence, enclosure, or confinement device as prescribed herein or within a house, garage or other building or by accompanying the animal at all times or where otherwise required, on a leash.
- b. For the purpose of this Section, “secure confinement” means securing the dog in an area from which the dog cannot escape based on the size and breed of the dog while providing for appropriate and humane care of the animal while in such confinement.
- c. No person shall chain, tie, fasten or otherwise tether a dog to a dog house, a tree, a fence or other stationary object as a means of secure, permanent confinement to property, if the system utilized is designated as inhumane by the Animal Warden after considering the regulations on this subject promulgated by the Calcasieu Parish Director of Animal Services under the authority of Sec. 5-47 (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Calcasieu.

Sec. 4-52.1. Dogs in public parks and recreation areas, school grounds, or cemeteries.

No animals shall be permitted in any city park, except service animals as defined by 28 C.F.R. § 36.104, or other comparable regulations issued under the authority of 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et. seq.* (known commonly as the “Americans With Disabilities Act”, as amended).

Sec. 4-52.2. Dogs in tenement yards.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to allow such dog to be unrestrained on the property of any multi-family dwellings.

Sec. 5-49 Dogs Running at Large - Penalty.

In addition to the charges and fines as specified herein, particularly in Section 4-78. If the dog has not already been rendered sterile, the owner shall be encouraged to have the animal spayed or neutered within seven (7) days of redemption or return. If the impoundment for said animal is a second offense, sterilization will be mandatory. Verification from the veterinarian performing surgery for sterilization shall be provided by the animal’s owner to the Animal Warden in writing within seven (7) days of the procedure. The provisions of this Section do not apply to a dog owned by and working for a governmental or law enforcement agency.

Sec. 4-53. Impoundment required of untagged dogs, exceptions.

Any dog not wearing a collar with a current license tag may be impounded by the Animal Warden, whether said dog is on or off the premises of its owner, and after remaining unclaimed for four (4) days it may be returned to its owner who shall pay the fine as provided in Section 4-78, or turned over to the Animal Services and Adoption Center and thereafter humanely euthanized, as the circumstances may require, all according to the conditions, rules, regulations, and requirements concerning the impounding of dogs as herein set forth. Animals received or impounded are eligible to be micro-chipped, at the discretion of the Animal Warden.

As an alternative to impoundment, if said dog is not wearing a collar with a current license tag, the animal may be allowed to remain on the property after compliance with confinement requirements as set forth herein.

The owner of the untagged animal may be penalized as provided for in Section 4-78.

Sec. 4-53.1. Reasons for impoundment.

Whenever animals are kept within any building or on any premises without food, water, or basic veterinary care and attention; are kept in violation of the provisions of this Chapter; are infected with disease; or are kept under conditions which could endanger the public health or create a nuisance, the Animal Warden may enter said building or premises and impound said animals. Animals so impounded shall not be released before the reason for causing said impoundment has been corrected to the satisfaction of the Animal Warden or his designated agents.

Sec. 4-54. Same--Holding period.

An animal impounded at the Animal Shelter shall be kept for a period of four (4) days and unless claimed by its owner in said time, all rights of the animal held by the owner shall be forfeited and the animal shall be transferred to the Animal Services and Adoption Center and title to the animal shall pass to the City. All animals not claimed after the ten (10) day rabies observation/quarantine period shall also be considered forfeited. Failure by an owner to claim an animal, traceable to that owner by means of license tag registration, micro-chip or owner acknowledgement, does not relieve said owner of charges and penalties assessed as provided for herein. Repeated offenses will incur additional fees and penalties.

Sec. 4-55. Same-Redemption.

The owner upon producing satisfactory proof of ownership may reclaim his animal upon complying with the vaccination, collar, tag, and violation penalties, as provided for in this article,

together with the payment of impoundment and board expenses of \$12 per day, plus the payment of an additional fixed \$15 impoundment fee. These fees shall be paid prior to the owner being granted possession of the impounded animal.

Sec. 4-56. Adoption.

Any animal held by the Animal Shelter that remains unclaimed for more than four (4) days may be adopted by a new owner provided the Animal Warden or his agents or the Animal Services and Adoption Center deem it suitable for release and the prospective owner makes payment of all fees imposed. No dog or cat shall be released for adoption without being spayed or neutered or without written agreement from adopter guaranteeing that the animal will be altered within a specified time.

Sec. 4-57. Same-Disposition of unclaimed or diseased animals.

When an animal has been impounded at the Animal Shelter or Animal Services and Adoption Center for four (4) full days, excluding weekends and holidays, and its owner has not appeared to reclaim it, it shall be disposed of by euthanasia unless the prospects of finding it a home or any other reason justifies detention for a longer period of time, all of which shall be at the discretion of the Animal Warden or his designated agents. Provided, that, the Animal Services and Adoption Center or a Veterinarian shall scan the dog for presence of a micro-chip identification device and make a single reasonable effort to contact the registered owner and shall only euthanize the animal twenty-four (24) hours after such attempt to contact the registered owner. However, a diseased or injured animal may be destroyed immediately and prior to the expiration of four (4) days, if in the opinion of the Animal Warden or his designated agents and a licensed veterinarian, its condition is such that imminent destruction is necessary as a humane gesture and for the protection of other animals with which an animal may come in contact. However, a licensed veterinarian need not be contacted in the case of an animal without collar and tags or identifiable tattoo or registered micro-chip, after being checked for a micro-chip.

Secs. 4-58 - 4-67. Reserved.

Sec. 4-68. Dangerous animals.

The owner of any animal deemed dangerous as defined in this Ordinance, shall be subject to the following:

- (a) Shall effectively confine and control the animal at all times in accordance with the dangerous confinement requirements.
- (b) Shall be issued a written notice of confinement requirements (dangerous) stating the animal shall not be in violation of said requirements as defined by this section. Confinement shall be immediate. If confinement requirements (dangerous) as defined herein are not immediately available, the animal must be confined at the Animal Shelter, a veterinarian clinic, or some other location as approved by the Animal Warden, at the expense of the owner.
- (c) Any owner seeking to reclaim a dangerous animal impounded under the authority of Section 4-51 shall also be notified in writing of confinement requirements (dangerous).
- (d) Any owner seeking to reclaim a dangerous animal impounded under the authority provided herein, shall provide two (2) color photographs of the animal for ID purposes, and the information shall be turned over to the Animal Warden, and the permanent confinement area shall be inspected before the release of the animal to the owner.
- (e) Shall not permit a "dangerous" dog to go beyond said confinement unless such dog is securely leashed and muzzled or otherwise securely restrained and muzzled. Said 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) Any person found in violation of the confinement requirements (dangerous) shall have their animal impounded and shall receive a citation with a specified time period during which to respond. Failure to respond to the citation shall cause said animal to become property of the City and further cause disposal of the animal by euthanasia in accordance with this ordinance and shelter policies as ordered by the Animal Warden or his designated agent without further notice to its owner who will be assumed to have abandoned the animal.
- (g) Shall obtain a Liability registration certificate, unless the Animal is a Dangerous Animal solely because it was deemed such because it is a dog classified as a Dangerous Breed.
- (h) The Owner of a Dangerous Animal that is required to obtain a Liability registration certificate under sub-section (g) of this Section, shall notify the Animal Warden, or other such official at City Hall as shall be designated to maintain the registry of Liability registration certificates, upon animal ownership changes. These stated requirements will remain the same as stated herein throughout the life of the animal.

Sec. 4-69. Vicious animal

It shall be unlawful to own, keep, possess, harbor, or maintain a vicious animal. A vicious animal shall be impounded and shall become property of the City which may further cause disposal of the vicious animal by euthanasia. The Animal Warden, his agents, and law enforcement officers in the course and scope of their duty, may use lethal force against a vicious animal if there is no possible means to constrain the vicious animal and the vicious animal poses an imminent and serious threat to a human.

Secs. 4-70 – 4-75. Reserved.

Sec. 4-76. Exotic/Wild Animals Prohibited.

- (a) For purposes of this article, "exotic/wild animal" shall mean (1) any animal or fowl which is not normally domesticated as livestock or kept as a pet; (2) any animal or fowl, traditionally considered as a non-domesticated animal; (3) any animal or fowl which, as a species, has demonstrated in overt ways or is commonly known to have a propensity to bite or inflict harm on human beings without provocation, including, but not limited to, lions, tigers, cougars, leopards, bears, poisonous snakes, poisonous lizards, poisonous amphibians, alligators, squirrels, skunks, raccoons, foxes, wolves, otters, monkeys, prairie dogs, and kangaroos; and (4) wild animals crossbred with domestic animals to create hybrids considered wildlife by the Compendium of Public Health Veterinarians and the Department of Health and Hospitals.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to own, keep, possess, maintain, or harbor any exotic/wild animal.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to harbor any snake in any apartment house in the City.

Sec. 4-77. Exceptions.

This article shall not apply to exotic/wild animals that are totally helpless and, because of such helplessness, require the care of human beings in order to survive. Said animal shall be required to be under the care and custody of a licensed, accredited, and/or permitted person or organization.

This article also shall not apply to animals in traveling shows, exhibitions, and carnivals which present non-domesticated animals for display or use such animals, as set forth herein, in their acts, as permitted under the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Animal Welfare Act, nor does it exempt such animals protected under L.R.S. 14:102.

Section 4-78. Charges and Civil Penalties.

In addition to fees and penalties authorized in other sections of this Article, the following fines may be assessed for violations of this Article:

- a. Livestock at large: \$250; Second and subsequent offenses \$ 500;
- b. Interference with Animal Warden or designated agents: \$ 250
- c. Nuisance Animal: \$75

Second offense \$ 150; Third offense \$ 300
Fourth offense, \$500 and impoundment
- d. Dangerous Animals – Confinement violation: \$500
- e. Dogs in city parks: \$25

Second offense \$ 50; Third offense \$ 100
- f. Dogs running at large: \$40

Second offense \$ 60; Third offense \$ 100; Fourth and subsequent offenses: \$500
- g. Mandatory vaccination violation: \$50
- h. Impoundment: \$30

Second offense \$50; Third and subsequent offenses \$70

Section 4-79. All other paragraphs, subsections, subparagraphs, clauses, phrases and words of this article, not specifically amended by this ordinance, are to remain the same.

This Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 13th day of July, 2009.

Denise Maddox, Chairman of the
Council

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance has been presented to the Mayor on this 13th day of July, 2009, at 7:45 o'clock p.m.

Tammy Pinder, Secretary of the
Council and City Clerk

I have reviewed the above and foregoing Ordinance on this 13th day of July, 2009, and do hereby approve same.

Lawrence Henagan, Mayor

I hereby certify that I have received from the Mayor at 8:00 o'clock p.m., on this 13th day of July, 2009, the foregoing Ordinance which has been approved by the Mayor.

Tammy Pinder, Secretary of the
Council and City Clerk