## ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 4-70 OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE CULPEPER COUNTY CODE

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Culpeper County that Section 4-70 of Chapter 4 Animals and Fowl, be amended and reordained as follows:

Sec. 4-70. Dogs running-at-large.

- (a) No dogs shall run at large in the County. Any person, after having been notified by any person, animal control officer, or other officer of the law that the dog is running at large in the County, shall be in violation of this section. For the purposes of this section, a dog shall be deemed to be "running at large" when off the property or premises of its owner, possessor or custodian and not under the control of the owner, possessor or custodian, either by leash, cord or chain.
- (b) This section shall not apply to any dog or pack of dogs, or any dog owner, possessor or custodian while engaged in (1) law enforcement operations or training, (2) search and rescue operations or training for such activity by the members of any agency or organization recognized by the County as a bona fide search and rescue operation, (3) lawful hunting and dog retrieval as provided in Code of Virginia (1950), Tit. 29.1 and § 18.2-136, as amended, or any field trial authorized by the department of game and inland fisheries, or any lawful training for hunting or field trials, or (4) any formally organized dog show or competition, or any training in obedience or in preparation for any show or competition.

(c) This section shall not apply in any Agricultural and Forestal District created pursuant to Article 8E of the Culpeper County Zoning Ordinance.

(d) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00); provided, however, if the dog has been declared a dangerous or vicious dog in accordance with County Code Section 4-92, Dangerous and Vicious Dogs, a violation of this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

(Ord. of 11-5-2008; Ord. of 12-7-2010)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** that the Board of Supervisors of Culpeper County, Virginia, pursuant to Section 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia, enacts this Ordinance.

DONE this 7th day of December, 2010.

VOTING AYE:

Mr. Aylor, Mrs. Hansohn, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Rosenberger, Mr. Walker

VOTING NAY:

Mr. Chase, Mr. Underwood

ABSTAINING:

None

ABSENT:

None

Witness this signature and seal.

Brad Rosenberger, Chairman

Board of Supervisors of Culpeper County, Virginia

DATE: December 7, 2010

ATTEST:

Frank T Bossio Clerk to the Board