

CITY OF CENTERVILLE  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
STATE OF GEORGIA

Ordinance No. 2023- 2

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF "CENTERVILLE" GEORGIA  
AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE, Chapter 8, "Animals"; Article III, "Responsible Dog Ownership";,  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Centerville may, as allowed by the Georgia Constitution and the Laws of the State of Georgia and as authorized by City Code Section 1-5(b) "Amendments to Code", amend the Centerville Code of Ordinances; then

**THEREFORE**, be it ordained that the current Chapter 8, "Animals"; Article III, "Responsible Dog Ownership": Sections 8-75, 8-76, 8-78, and 8-81, shall be amended and hereby read as follows:

**Chapter 8**

**ANIMALS**

***ARTICLE III. Responsible Dog Ownership.***

***Section 8-75. Definitions.***

*Vicious dog* means a dog that inflicts serious injury on a person ~~or the pet of a person~~ or causes serious injury to a person ~~or the pet of a person~~ resulting from reasonable attempts to escape from the dog's attack.

***Section 8-76. Exemptions from article.***

No dog shall be classified as a dangerous dog or vicious dog for actions that occur while the dog is being used by a law enforcement or military officer to carry out the law enforcement or military officer's official duties. No dog shall be classified as a dangerous dog or vicious dog if the person injured by such dog was a person who, at the time, was committing a trespass, was abusing the dog, or was committing or attempting to commit an offense under O.C.G.A. ~~tit. 16, ch. 5.~~ Title 16, Chapter 5.

***Section 8-78. Animal control board.***

The mayor and council hereby establish an animal control board to hold hearings as provided by O.C.G.A. § 4-8-23~~(a)(1)~~ (c-d). This board is created in conjunction with Houston County and the Cities of Centerville and Perry and shall be comprised of one representative each from the Houston County Board of Commissioners and the Cities of Centerville, Perry and Warner Robins.

***Section 8-81. Duties of owner; registration fee.***

Provisions pertaining to the requirements for possessing dangerous or vicious dogs shall be applied in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 4-8-27 and 4-8-28, except that the owner of a classified dog shall be required to provide, **within seven (7) days of notification of the dog being classified**, the city with evidence that: (a) a microchip containing an identification number capable

of being scanned has been injected under the skin between the shoulder blades of the classified dog; and (b) **within thirty (30) days of notification of the dog being classified**, evidence that the classified dog has been spayed or neutered. Also, each owner of a dangerous dog or vicious dog shall be charged an annual registration fee of \$100.00.

**CONFLICTING ORDINANCES:** In the event that any ordinance, or any part thereof, of the City of "Centerville", Georgia is in conflict herewith, this ordinance shall have preference.

**SEVERABILITY:** If any provisions of this ordinance be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.


**SO ORDAINED**, and effective this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, by vote of the Governing Authority at a regular, open meeting of the Mayor and Council of Centerville with a quorum being present at the meeting.

CITY OF "CENTERVILLE", GEORGIA

BY:

MAYOR JOHN R. HARLEY

  
COUNCILMAN ROBERT D. BIRD

  
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COUNCILMAN J. MICHEAL EVANS

  
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ATTEST:

  
KRISTA BEDINGFIELD, CITY CLERK