

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI AMENDING THE
ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
ADOPTED ON MARCH 19, 1991, AS AMENDED, AND ADOPTING A NEW
CODIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi acting by and through the Mayor and Board of Aldermen did on March 19, 1991 adopt an ordinance setting forth the animal control regulations for the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, through the years amendments were made thereto and certain other corrections and clarifications have become necessary and desirable to better insure the safety of both animals and humans within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have seen fit to ban certain breeds of dogs within the City; and

WHEREAS, a new codification will simplify the use of the ordinance and insure a better understanding of the requirements and enforcement of the regulations; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Board of Aldermen directed the Police Chief to prepare and present a new codification of the regulations which encompasses the amendments proposed and adopted since 1991.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi that the Ordinance of March 19, 1991, as amended, setting forth the animal control regulations of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi shall be amended as hereinafter provided:

SECTION 1

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi herein adopt the facts and purposes as set out hereinabove, and readopt the purposes set forth in the original ordinance and all amendments thereto.

SECTION 2

The document attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which consist of 18 pages of regulations set out in Sections 14-1 through 14-174, is hereby adopted as the official Animal Control Ordinance for the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi from and after the effective date hereof and shall be codified as presented in the Code of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi.

SECTION 3

The original animal control ordinance adopted on March 19, 1991, as amended shall be of no more force and effect from and after the effective date of the ordinance adopted hereby.

SECTION 4

This ordinance shall be in full force and effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

ORDAINED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi at its regular meeting held on the 17th day of March, 2009.

A MOTION made to adopt the foregoing Ordinance was made by Alderman Gerald Steen and SECONDED by Alderman Kevin Holder and the foregoing having first been reduced to writing, was submitted to a Roll Call Vote, the result was as follows:

Alderman Ken Heard (Ward 1) voted:	AYE
Alderman Chuck Gautier (Ward 2) voted:	AYE
Alderman Kevin Holder (Ward 3) voted:	AYE
Alderman Larry Roberts (Ward 4) voted:	AYE
Alderman Scott Jones (Ward 5) voted:	AYE
Alderman Linda S. Davis (Ward 6) voted:	ABSENT
Alderman Gerald Steen (At large) voted:	AYE

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the Ordinance carried and the Ordinance adopted.

The foregoing Ordinance is approved this the 17th day of March, 2009.

CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
David Overby, City Clerk