

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A PIKE COUNTYVICIOUS OR DANGEROUS DOG ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, it appears unto this Board that it would be to the best interest of the health and welfare of the people of Pike County, Mississippi for this Board of Supervisors to enact a "vicious or dangerous dog ordinance",

NOW, THEREFORE, upon recommendation of Pike County Sheriff Duane Dillon, and upon motion of Supervisor Theodore Bullock, seconded by Supervisor A. Marks, and unanimously carried, it is hereby ordered and adjudged that the following Pike County Vicious or Dangerous Dog Ordinance be, and the same is hereby adopted and enacted, effective immediately, in the following form:

Pike County Vicious or Dangerous Dog Ordinance

Should any dog bite or otherwise harm or attempt to bite or otherwise harm any person or animal lawfully on the dog owner's premises or elsewhere, such person, a member of their family or any member of the general public if said member of the general public witnessed the event, may make an affidavit before the Pike County Justice Court of the offense. Upon receipt of such affidavit, a hearing shall be held, and if such dog be adjudged vicious or dangerous, it shall be kept muzzled, confined or restrained so as to prevent any person or animal lawfully on the dog owner or harborer's premises, or elsewhere, from being bitten or otherwise harmed. If the dog has bitten any person and the dog owner or harborer cannot produce current vaccination proof, the Court shall order the dog owner or harborer to take the dog to an approved veterinarian to be kept for a minimum of fourteen (14) days at the dog owner or harborer's expense and examined and observed for rabies or any other transmittable disease. The Pike County Justice Court, in its discretion, in any case, may order the dog to be destroyed, and if the Court deems necessary, the carcass examined for rabies and other disease, at the dog owner or harborer's expense.

The Pike County Sheriff's Department is authorized to kill and test any stray dog for rabies or other disease, if, in its discretion, the same is necessary for the welfare of the general public.

The Pike County Sheriff's Department is authorized to capture or kill any dog if, in the Sheriff's Department's discretion, the dog poses an obvious danger and the situation threatens immediate harm to the general public.

ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Pike County, Mississippi, this, the 9th day of January, A.D., 1985.


S/S JOEL R. BARR, CLERK
PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS"

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It is further ordered and adjudged that the notice be published in the manner and for the time required by law.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, this, the 9th day of January, A.D., 1985.


PRESIDENT