

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY BLOUNT)
TOWN OF SNEAD)

ORDINANCE 2016-03

An Ordinance to Establish the Control of Dogs

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SNEAD, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS;

SECTION 1. DOGS TO BE UNDER CONTROL WHEN OFF OWNERS PREMISES.

(A) It shall be unlawful for the owner or person in charge of any premises to cause, permit or allow any dog residing there, either temporarily or permanently, to be off of such premises or property, unless such is under the control of competent person either by leash, chord, chain or other restraints attached to a collar of sufficient strength to physically control said dog at all times.

(B) It shall be unlawfully for the owner or person in charge of any dog to cause, permit or allow such dog to be off the premises or property of the owner or the person in charge unless under the control of a competent person either by leash, cord, chain or other restraints attached to collar of sufficient strength to physically control said dog at all times.

SECTION 2. PENALTY

When a dog is found by an officer to be, or complaint is filed by others persons that said dog is off its premises in violation of section 1 of this ordinance and the owner or person in charge is identified, an officer may issue a verbal warning with attached copy of ordinance as a warning or issue a citation requiring the payment of a fine \$25.00 for first offense, with a fine of or fine of \$250.00 for a second offense. With a third offense, in addition to a \$250.00 fine, the dog can be confiscated or impounded by the officer with Blount County Animal Control in an authorized shelter until investigation and proof of animal having current rabies shots. Failure to pay fines or appear in court may result in the person being held in contempt of court and sentenced to maximum of \$500.00 fine.

SECTION 3. ANIMAL AFFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF HAVING RABIES.

Any dog or other animal suspected of having rabies shall be confined by owner in enclosure until 7 days or taken by an Animal Control Officer and confined at the Blount County Animal Shelter at the owners cost for a period of 7 days. Any dog or animal known to have been bitten or suspected of haven been bitten by a dog or any other animal having rabies shall at the election of its owners, be immediately either euthanized or placed in an enclosure so constructed as to prevent the communication of disease to other animal or humans, and such dog or other animal shall remain thus quarantined for a period of three months.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this article, words used in the present tense include the future; the singular number includes the plural, and the plural. The singular words and terms for the purposes of this article and defined as follows:

- (1) **Officers:** Any person authorized by the Town of Snead, to carry out duties of an animal control officer the purposes of this ordinance.
- (2) **At Large:** Any animal off the property of its owner or person in-charge and not carried by such person or kept in an effective enclosure or under control by means of leash, cord, chain or other restraints sufficient to physically control said dog.

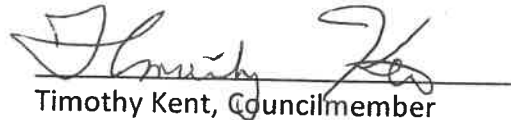
- (3) Dog: Any member of the domestic canine family, three months of age or older.
- (4) Owner: Any person having a right of property in the animal or who keeps or harbors the animal or who has it in his or her care or acts as its custodian or who permits the animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by he or she.
- (5) Person: Any individual, partnership, company, corporation or other legal entity. When appropriate these terms shall mean the singular, plural, masculine, feminine and neuter.
- (6) Person-in-charge: Any person who's in charge of the animals being kept and all the responsible members age nineteen or older or the household in which an animal is kept or allowed or suffered to remain.
- (7) Restraint on premises: A dog is considered to be under restraints if it's confined within the property limits of its owner or person-in-charge by a suitable fence or is securely restrained within the premises by a leash or humane restraining device affixed to a securely fixed object.
- (8) Restraint off premises: A dog is considered to be under sufficient restraint off the premises of its owner or person-in-charge if under the control of a competent person either by leash, cord, chain or other restraint sufficient to physically control said dog at all times.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SNEAD, ALABAMA, that this ordinance on its passage and publication as required by law, shall immediately become effective. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.



Curtis Painter, Mayor



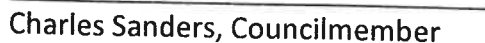
Timothy Kent, Councilmember



Phillip McHan, Councilmember



Greg Ogles, Councilmember



Charles Sanders, Councilmember



Dale Snead, Councilmember

I, the undersigned Town Clerk for the Town of Snead, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Snead, Alabama on the 12th day of September, 2016.

Attest: 
Rae Ware, Town Clerk

