

# DANGEROUS DOG ACT

## **DEFINITION OF A DANGEROUS DOG:**

ANY INDIVIDUAL DOG WHICH WHEN EITHER UNMUZZLED-UNLEASHED, OR UNATTENDED BY ITS OWNER, OR A MEMBER OF ITS OWNER'S FAMILY, IN A VICIOUS OR TERRORIZING MANNER, APPROACHES ANY PERSON IN AN APPARENT ATTITUDE OF ATTACK UPON STREETS, SIDEWALKS, OR ANY PUBLIC GROUNDS.

### DANGEROUS DOG - CONTROL METHODS:

1. PLACING AN ANIMAL WITHIN AN ENCLOSED AUTOMOBILE, TRUCK, OR OTHER VEHICLE NOT BEING USED AS A PUBLIC CONVEYANCE OF HUMANS, OR

2. SHIPPING AN ANIMAL ON A PUBLIC CONVEYANCE THAT IS PROPERLY CONFINED IN A SHIPPING CONTAINER CONSPICUOUSLY LABELED "DANGEROUS ANIMAL" AND CONSTRUCTED OF MATERIALS IN SUCH A MANNER TO PREVENT THE ANIMAL FROM BITING OTHER ANIMALS OR THE PUBLIC, OR

3. PROPERLY MUZZLING AN ANIMAL AND PLACING IT ON A LEASH OF SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO KEEP SUCH ANIMAL UNDER CONTROL, AND HELD BY A COMPETENT PERSON CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING SUCH ANIMAL, OR

4. CONFINING THE ANIMAL ON THE PREMISES OF THE OWNER IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PREVENT ITS COMING IN CONTACT WITH OTHER ANIMALS OR THE PUBLIC.

THE OWNER OF ANY DANGEROUS DOG SHALL PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE BREED, DESCRIPTION, NAME, AND LOCATION WHERE SUCH DOG CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE LOCATED AT ALL TIMES WHEN NOT ON LEASH OR UNDER DIRECT CONTROL OF ITS OWNER.

A DANGEROUS DOG WHEN NOT UNDER DIRECT CONTROL BY LEASH OR OTHER RECOGNIZED CONTROL METHODS SHALL BE CONFINED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PREVENT IT FROM ATTACKING OR INJURING ANY PERSON WHO IS PEACEFULLY CONDUCTING HIMSELF WHERE HE LAWFULLY MAY BE.

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Sec. 2.05a. "Dangerous dog" means (i) any individual dog anywhere other than upon the property of the owner or custodian of the dog and unmuzzled, unleashed, or unattended by its owner or custodian that behaves in a manner that a reasonable person would believe poses a serious and unjustified imminent threat of serious physical injury or death to a person or a companion animal or (ii) a dog that , without justification, bites a person and does not cause serious physical injury.

**A DANGEROUS DOC IS A HAZARD NOT ONLY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY BUT ALSO TO YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS. OUR JOB AS ANIMAL CONTROL IS TO HELP MAINTAIN THE LAWS THAT ARE IN PLACE BY NOT ONLY CITY OFFICIALS BUT ALSO STATE AND FEDERAL.**

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Sec. 15.4. Potentially dangerous dog. A dog found running at large and unsupervised with 3 or more other dogs may be deemed a potentially dangerous dog by the animal control warden or administrator. Potentially dangerous dogs shall be spayed or neutered and microchipped within 14 days of reclaim. The designation of "potentially dangerous dog" shall expire 12 months after the most recent violation of this Section. Failure to comply with this Section will result in impoundment of the dog or a fine of \$500.  
(Source: P.A. 95-550, eff. 6-1-08.)

## CASS COMMUNITY ANIMAL CONTROL

Effective (08/01/2008) the cost to reclaim a dog that has been deemed dangerous, as defined by the Illinois Animal Control Act 510 ILCS 5/2.05A, Section 2.05A, shall be \$500 for the first offense. In addition, there will be a \$100 safety fee. The dog must be spayed or neutered and micro chipped within 14 days of pickup. A boarding fee of \$20 per day will be assessed and a pickup fee of \$200. The owner must reclaim the dog and pay all costs incurred within 14 days of pickup. If the dog is not reclaimed, the dog will be humanely euthanized.

Upon the second offense a fine of \$1000.00 will be imposed along with boarding fees of \$20 per day.

A \$1500.00 find will be imposed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense plus \$20 per day boarding fee.

A 4<sup>th</sup> pickup will cause the dog to be humanely euthanized.