

**Ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Corpus Christi Code to establish vicious dog regulations; and providing for penalty**

**Whereas**, vicious dog attacks on animals has been a reoccurring issue.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, is amended to add Sec. 6-163 - Vicious Dog, by adding the following language as delineated below:

**Sec. 6-163 - Vicious Dog.**

(a) An owner or handler shall take reasonable measures to protect the public from accidental contact with a dog that, by nature or by training, is dangerous to people or other animals.

(b) An owner or handler may not keep or permit a dog to be in the city if the dog has on at least one occasion:

- (A) killed another dog, cat, or other domestic pet, fowl, or livestock; or
- (B) seriously injured another animal to an extent that an attending veterinarian has presented an affidavit to the animal care services manager stating that the injured animal's life was seriously endangered or taken by the dog, or that the dog caused a significant permanent impairment of the injured animal's basic bodily functions or mobility; provided, however, that when the incident occurred, the injured animal was not in violation of a provision of this Chapter relating to the confinement or physical control of animals in the City.

**SECTION 2.** If for any reason any section paragraph subdivision clause phrase word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect any other section paragraph subdivision clause phrase word or provision of this ordinance for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section paragraph subdivision clause phrase word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

**SECTION 3.** Publication shall be made one time in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

**SECTION 4.** Penalties are as provided in Section 6-2 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance takes effect after official publication.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, by the following vote:

Joe McComb \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Hunter \_\_\_\_\_

Roland Barrera \_\_\_\_\_

Ben Molina \_\_\_\_\_

Rudy Garza \_\_\_\_\_

Everett Roy \_\_\_\_\_

Paulette M. Guajardo \_\_\_\_\_

Greg Smith \_\_\_\_\_

Gil Hernandez \_\_\_\_\_

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019, by the following vote:

Joe McComb \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Hunter \_\_\_\_\_

Roland Barrera \_\_\_\_\_

Ben Molina \_\_\_\_\_

Rudy Garza \_\_\_\_\_

Everett Roy \_\_\_\_\_

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Greg Smith \_\_\_\_\_

Gil Hernandez \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Huerta  
City Secretary

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Joe McComb  
Mayor