

ORDINANCE NO. 97-05

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION
AND LICENSING OF DOGS WITHIN THE CORPORATE
LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GASSVILLE, ARKANSAS,
PROVIDING FOR LICENSE FEES, PROHIBITING THE
RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

Whereas, it is determined by the City Council of the City of Gassville, Arkansas, that the unregulated presence and/or running at large of dogs within the City of Gassville is a danger to the public health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City of Gassville, and;

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the citizens and the dogs within the City that the presence of dogs be regulated by ordinance.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GASSVILLE, ARKANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. License fee and tag.

1. The quartering, keeping, and maintaining of any dog within the corporate limits of the City of Gassville, Arkansas, shall be a privilege exercisable only by the purchase of a license for such purpose from the City of Gassville.
2. Dogs must be a minimum of six (6) months of age before a license shall be required.

License fees.

1. The licensing fee for a neutered dog shall be \$.50 (Fifty cents) per month or portion thereof. The owner must provide proof of neutering, and proof of rabies vaccination by a Certified Veterinarian within the past year.
2. The licensing fee for an unneutered dog shall be \$1.00 (One dollar) per month or any portion thereof. The owner must provide proof of rabies vaccination by a Certified Veterinarian within the past year.

Tag requirements.

1. The license and appropriate metal tag showing license number and the year issued shall be issued by the City Water Clerk, or agent designated for that purpose, upon payment of the fee set out above and proof of neutering (if applicable) and proof of a rabies vaccination by a Certified Veterinarian within the past year.
2. The identifying metal tag shall be attached to the collar of the dog for which it was obtained at all times.
3. There will be a \$2.00 replacement charge for each lost tag.

SECTION 2. Running at large.

The running at large of dogs is a nuisance and a health hazard, and it is therefore unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow or permit any dog to run at large within the corporate limits of the City of Gassville, Arkansas, and it is the responsibility of every dog owner to keep their dog, or dogs confined or restrained.

SECTION 3. Vicious animals.

No one may keep a vicious dog in the City of Gassville.

SECTION 4. Fines.

It shall be a misdemeanor for the owner of any dog to allow or permit his or her dog to run at large within the corporate limits of the City of Gassville, Arkansas, and any person violating this ordinance shall be issued for the first offense, an oral warning, for the second offense a citation shall be issued for a sum of \$25.00, and for the third offense a citation shall be issued for a sum of \$50.00. Court costs will be added to these fines.

SECTION 5. Impoundment.

Unlicensed dogs and/or dogs found running at large within the corporate limits of the City of Gassville shall be impounded in the City Pound for a period of three (3) working days during which period the owner may reclaim the dog by paying the City Pound and/or the

City of Gassville any fines and/or fees due. Fees and/or fines due the City of Gassville are to be paid to the City Water Clerk, or any agent designated for that purpose. Fees due to the City Pound must be paid to the City Pound. The owner of any unlicensed dog must obtain a license for said dog as provided by Section 1 of this ordinance before the said dog will be released from the City Pound. If the owner of the impounded dog is known, the City Pound must give notice by registered mail of the impoundment of such dog to owner. All dogs unclaimed within three (3) working days, from the time of impoundment, or the time that notice is given, whichever is later, may be sold by the City Pound to any person that will pay the fees owed, or if no buyer is found, the dog shall be destroyed.

SECTION 6. Enforcement.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by either the Gassville Police Department or the Gassville Animal Control Officer.

SECTION 7. Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. Premises: Any parcel of real property in possession or occupancy of a person, persons, family, partnership, association, corporation or other such entity.
- B. Running at large: The dog's presence anywhere except on its owner's premises, in its owner's motor vehicle, or properly leashed, and accompanied by and under the control of its owner.
- C. City Pound: The designated place for the impoundment of dogs will be the facility that the City of Gassville has a current agreement with.
- D. Vicious dogs. Any dog that attacks, bites, or injures human beings or domestic animals without adequate provocation. However, the fact that a dog has bitten or attempted to bite someone when that person was teasing the dog shall not constitute a vicious dog.

SECTION 8. Public facilities.

It shall be unlawful for any business establishment or other facility open to the public to allow dogs entry into any structure in which people transact business therein. If the structure is not open to the public, then dogs are allowed inside the structure. However, this ordinance does not apply to a boarding kennel, veterinarian's office, pet shop, animal hospital or pet grooming facility.

SECTION 9. Exemption.

This ordinance shall not apply to dogs which are owned or kept as "seeing-eye" dogs. "Seeing-eye" dogs shall be allowed entrance into any building, facility, park, etc., within the City of Gassville, Arkansas, into which their owners seek to go. Dogs in the service of any law enforcement agency are also exempt from this ordinance.

SECTION 10. Repealer clause.

This ordinance repeals any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

SECTION 11. Emergency.

The health and safety of the citizens of Gassville, Arkansas and their dogs is of the utmost importance and it is therefore declared that an emergency exists and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed: April 15, 1997


Danny Smith, Mayor


Wanda Watson, Rec./Treas.

ORDINANCE NO.2000-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 97-05
IN REFERENCE TO THE PIT BULL TERRIER BREED
OF DOGS WITHIN THE CITY OF GASSVILLE, ARKANSAS
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GASSVILLE, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following words or phrases shall have the following meaning.

A. PIT BULL TERRIER: Any Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier breed of dog; or any mixed breed of dog which contains an element of American Staffordshire Bull Terrier or Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

SECTION 2: PIT BULL TERRIER

- A. No person shall own or keep a pit bull terrier within the municipal limits of the City of Gassville, Arkansas.
- B. This ordinance is a necessary control to eliminate the risk of attack by pit bulls on human beings in the City of Gassville, Arkansas. Lack of knowledge or lack of intent is not a defense.
- C. Whoever is found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$500.00 (five hundred dollars). Two or more offenses may be fined \$1000.00 (one thousand dollars) and an additional fine of \$250.00 (two hundred and fifty dollars) shall be assessed per day that the violation continues.

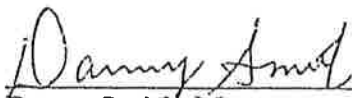
SECTION 3: Repealer clause.

This ordinance repeals any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

SECTION 4: EMERGENCY.

The health and safety of the citizens of Gassville, Arkansas is of the utmost importance and it is therefore declared that an emergency exists and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed: July 18, 2000



Danny Smith, Mayor



Wanda Watson, Rec./Treas.

I have received this copy as a warning from the City of Gassville because of violations of the above mentioned sections and subsections.
Signed: _____ Date: _____
Agent: _____

ORDINANCE 2003-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 97-05 IN RESPECT TO SECTION 4. FINES SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE 97-05 AND THE AMOUNTS THEREOF.

NOW THEREFORE; BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GASSVILLE, ARKANSAS;

SECTION 1. That Section 4 of Ordinance 97-05 is amended as follows; that at officer's discretion, the first offense would be a verbal warning, the second offense would be a citation issued with a \$25.00 fine plus court costs and the third offense would be a \$250.00 fine plus court costs.

SECTION 2. Repealer: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are here by repealed.

Approved by: Elvin J. Weaver
Elvin Weaver, Mayor

Attest: Wanda Watson
Wanda Watson Rec./Treas.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. 97-05 PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF DOGS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GASSVILLE, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR LICENSE FEES, PROHIBITING THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GASSVILLE, ARKANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 2 of Ordinance No. 97-05 is hereby deleted in full and replaced with the following:

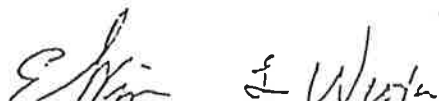
Section 2: Running at large.

1. The owner shall keep his animal under restraint at all times and shall not permit such animal to be at large. Furthermore, the owner shall keep his/her animal from barking or making noise in such a manner that would constitute a nuisance.
2. There shall be no more than three (3) animals which are over six (6) months old kept in any home or property that is located in a RESIDENTIAL ZONE and separate consideration must be applied for through due process with the Gassville Planning and Zoning Commission and approved by the City Council if a COMMERCIAL ZONE is involved.

SECTION 2: All other provisions of Ordinance 97-05 are incorporated herein and are to remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: The health and safety of the citizens of Gassville, Arkansas and their dogs is of the utmost importance and it is therefore declared that an emergency exists and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed: August 19, 2003


Elvin Weaver, Mayor


Wanda Watson, Rec./Treas.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2003-04 PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF PROPERTY, RESIDENCY, AND /OR CUSTODIAN OF DOGS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GASSVILLE, ARKANSAS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GASSVILLE, ARKANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 2 Paragraph 1 of Ordinance 2003-04 is hereby deleted in full and replaced with the following:

SECTION 2: Running at large.

1. The owner and/or custodian shall keep his/her animal under restraint at all times and shall not permit such animal to be at large. Furthermore, the owner and/or renter or occupant of any residence keeping a dog within the corporate City limits of Gassville, Arkansas shall keep his/her animal from barking or making noise in such a matter that would constitute a nuisance.

SECTION 2: All other provisions of Ordinance 97-05 are incorporated herein and are to remain in full force and effect.

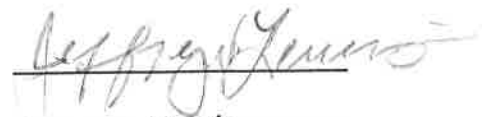
Adopted this 15 day of NOV 2016

Approved:

Attest:



Jeff Braim, Mayor



Jeff Lewis, Rec./Treasurer