

DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE/AGGRESSIVE ANIMAL

Ordinance No. 2020-7

The running at large and aggressive behaviour of dogs is hereby declared to be a nuisance and a health hazard to the citizens of the Town of Alpena, Arkansas and shall be regulated as herein set out.

- A. This ordinance is to notify all owners of dogs living within the corporate limits of the Town of Alpena, Arkansas that the aforementioned owners of the animals are responsible for keeping the animals restrained within the confines of the owner's property. These animals shall not be allowed to run at large.
- B. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow or permit such animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the Town of Alpena, Arkansas. The owner of every dog shall be responsible to keep said dog confined or restrained within the boundaries of the owner's property by one of the following methods.
 - a. Individual proper restrained to include a collar, harness, muzzle, leash, or chain, and/or
 - b. A fenced yard or secure enclosure proportionally sized for the size of the animal, to include but not limited to pens, cages, and/or secure buildings.
 - c. The only exception will be that the dog may be allowed outside of the confines of the owner's property within the corporate limits of the Town of Alpena, Arkansas by attachment of a lead leash or chain and the animal shall be controlled at all times by a responsible person.
- C. It shall be unlawful for a dog kept within the corporate limits of the Town of Alpena, Arkansas, who is known to be aggressive, to be allowed to attack, chase, or intimidate any person, persons, or other animals.
 - a. "Known to be aggressive" shall be defined as a minimum of three (3) separate persons giving statements and examples of the animal's past aggressive behavior to a law enforcement officer.
 - b. "Aggressive" shall be defined as an animal biting and/or chasing any person, persons, or animal with the intent to harm.
- D. Any individual in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to paying a fine and applicable court costs, as well as further actions as defined below.
 - a. First offence of the City Ordinance shall be a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and no more than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and each day of the violation shall be deemed a separate offense.
 - i. The owner of the aggressive animal will be liable for any medical expenses incurred by the victim of an attack by the aggressive animal.
 - b. Second offense of this City Ordinance shall be a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and no more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

- c. Third offence of this City Ordinance shall be the removal of the animal from the corporate limits of the Town of Alpena, Arkansas.
- E. Any City Ordinance and Resolutions previously passed and approved that are contradictory to this one are hereby void.

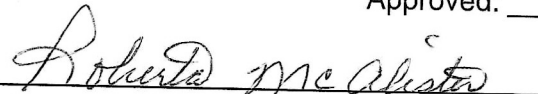
EMERGENCY CLAUSE: With the safety of the citizens being our utmost concern, an emergency is declared and this ordinance will be deemed effective upon its passage.

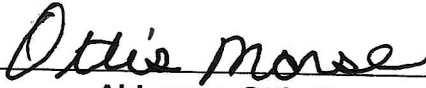
Passed and approved this 2nd day of November, 2020.

Approved: _____


Mayor AJ Womack

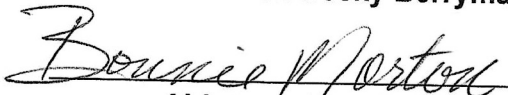
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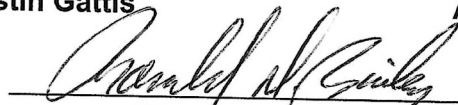

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