

ORDINANCE NO. 7879-23

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II. DOGS AND CATS GENERALLY, DIVISION 3. DANGEROUS OR VICIOUS DOGS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl, of the Code of the City of Newport News, Virginia, Article II. Dogs and Cats Generally, Division 3. Dangerous or Vicious Dogs, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

2. That Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl, of the Code of the City of Newport News, Virginia, Article II. Dogs and Cats Generally, is hereby amended and reordained by adding thereto a new Division 3. Dangerous or Vicious Dogs, as follows:

CHAPTER 6

ANIMALS AND FOWL

ARTICLE II. DOGS AND CATS GENERALLY

DIVISION 3. DANGEROUS OR VICIOUS DOGS

Sec. 6-45. Adoption of state law regarding dangerous and vicious dogs.

(a) Pursuant to the authority of Sections 3.2-6543, 3.2-6540.1 and 1-220 of the Code of Virginia, all of the provisions and requirements of the laws of the state contained in Title 3.2, Chapter 65, Sections 3.2-6540, 3.2-6540.01, 3.2-6540.02, 3.2-6540.03, 3.2-6540.04 and 3.2-6540.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, except those provisions and requirements the violation of which constitutes a felony, and except those provisions and requirements which, by their very nature, can have no application to or within the city, are hereby adopted and incorporated in this chapter by reference and made applicable within the city. The incorporation by reference contained in this section shall include any future amendments to laws or regulations so referenced. Such provisions and requirements are hereby adopted and made a part of this as fully as though set forth at length herein, and it shall be unlawful for any person within the city to violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provision of Sections 3.2-6540, 3.2-6540.01, 3.2-6540.02, 3.2-6540.03, 3.2-6540.04 and 3.2-6540.1 of the Code of Virginia, which is adopted by this section; provided, that in no event shall the penalty imposed for the violation of any provision or requirement hereby adopted exceed the penalty imposed for a similar offense under Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia.

(b) All definitions of words and phrases contained in the state law hereby adopted shall apply to such words and phrases, when used in this chapter, unless clearly indicated to the contrary.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

Phillip D. Jones
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk