

## ORDINANCE NO. 08-111

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CORNERSVILLE, TENNESSEE REGARDING DOGS WITHIN THE TOWN

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Cornersville, Tennessee, desires to amend the municipal code to regulate the ownership or keeping of dogs on residential property within the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

**SECTION 1.** That the Municipal Code of the Town of Cornersville is amended by adding the following provisions:

**Rabies vaccination and registration required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog without having the same duly vaccinated against rabies and registered in accordance with the provisions of the "Tennessee Anti-Rabies Law" (Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-8-101 through 68-8-114) or other applicable law.

**Dogs to wear tags.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog which does not wear a tag evidencing the vaccination and registration required by the preceding section.

**Running at large prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to permit any dog owned by him or under his control to run at large within the corporate limits.

**Number of dogs on premises restricted.** In a district designated as residential on the official zoning map of the town, keeping or maintaining more than four (4) dogs over six (6) months old on the premises is prohibited on any property of less than ½ acre; the keeping or maintaining more than six (6) dogs over six (6) months old on any property larger than ½ acre but less than 1 acre is prohibited.

**Vicious dogs to be securely restrained.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog known to be vicious or dangerous unless such dog is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to provide reasonably for the protection of other animals and persons.

**Noisy dogs prohibited.** No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dog which, by loud and frequent barking, whining, or howling, annoys, or disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood.

**Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid.** If any dog has bitten any person or is suspected of having bitten any person or is for any reason suspected of being infected with rabies, the health officer or chief of police may cause such dog to be confined or isolated for such time as he deems reasonably necessary to determine if such dog is rabid.

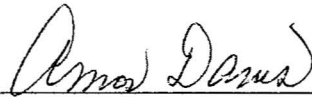
**Failure to provide for dogs.** It shall be unlawful for any person owning or keeping a dog on their premises to fail to provide the following: (1) clean, sanitary and

humane conditions; (2) sufficient quantities of food and clean fresh water; (3) proper air ventilation and circulation for any areas of confinement; (4) sufficient shelter and protection from the sun, rain, snow and any extreme weather conditions; (5) medical attention and/or other necessary veterinary care so as to prevent unnecessary suffering; and (6) annual inoculations against infectious diseases, including but not limited to rabies vaccinations.

**Penalty for violation.** Any violation of this ordinance may be punishable by civil penalty of up to \$50.00 and each day of such violation may constitute a separate punishable offense.

**SECTION 2.** If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion, of this Resolution which is not itself invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

  
MAYOR

  
TOWN RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY AND FORM:

  
TOWN ATTORNEY

Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading: 5-1-08

Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 6-5-08

Passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading: 7-3-08