

ORDINANCE NO. 2002 – 05

AN ORDINANCE IN REFERENCE TO THE PIT BULL TERRIER BREED OF DOGS AND VICIOUS ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY OF COTTER, ARKANSAS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTER, ARKANSAS;

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

A. PIT BULL TERRIER as used herein, is defined as any Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier breed of dog, or any mixed breed of dog which contains as an element of its breeding the breed of Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier as to be identifiable as partially of the breed of Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier.

B. VICIOUS DOG. 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 2: PIT BULL TERRIER AND VICIOUS DOG

A. No person shall own or keep a Pit Bull Terrier within the Municipal limits of the City of Cotter, Arkansas.

B. No one may keep a Vicious Dog in the City of Cotter, Arkansas

C. This ordinance is a necessary control to eliminate the risk of attack by Pit Bull Terrier and Vicious Dogs on Human Beings in the City of Cotter, Arkansas. Lack of knowledge or lack of intent is not a defense.

D. 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 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 Cotter, 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 AND APPROVED this 21st day of November, 2002

  
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Mayor  
J. D. Pratt

  
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RECORDER/TREASURER  
MARY E. MC LAUGHLIN