



## Potentially Dangerous & Vicious Dogs

Public Works Department

Public Safety Committee

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## BACKGROUND

### Potentially Dangerous

1. The dog has once aggressively pursued, attacked, bitten, or otherwise caused a less than substantial injury to a person engaged in lawful activity;
2. The dog has once aggressively pursued, attacked, bitten, or otherwise caused a less than substantial injury to another animal; or,
3. The dog is found actively pursuing livestock, poultry, dogs, cats, or animals.



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## BACKGROUND

### Vicious

1. The dog was seized under Section 599a of the Penal Code and the owner or keeper was convicted of felony dog fighting charges;
2. The dog, when unprovoked, inflicts injury on or kills a human being or animal; or,
3. The dog is currently listed as a potentially dangerous dog, but continues the behavior.

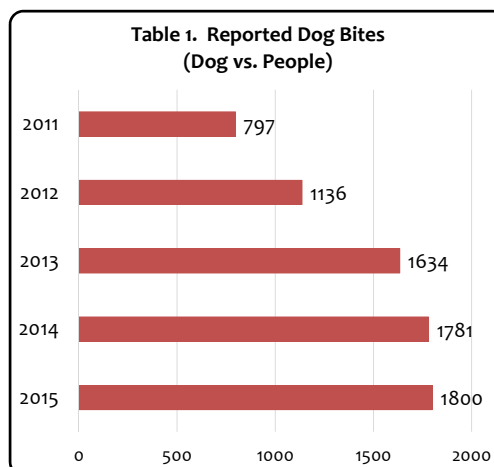


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## DISCUSSION

- Dog attacks are on the rise.
- 3,640 reported incidents within the City in 2015 – 1,800 of which resulted in injuries to people.



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- As of May 5, 2016, there are **441** dogs in the City designated as potentially dangerous or vicious.
- 169 received the designation in 2015.

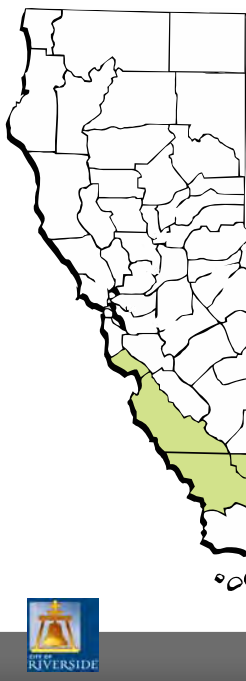


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## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Many towns, cities, and counties throughout Southern California have adopted stronger measures



Beaumont	Monterey County
Canyon Lake	Moreno Valley
Carlsbad	Norco
Coachella	Pasadena
Corona	Rancho Cucamonga
Eastvale	Riverside County
Escondido	San Bernardino
Imperial County	San Bernardino County
Kern County	San Clemente
Lake Elsinore	San Diego County
Los Angeles	Santa Cruz County
Los Angeles County	Victorville
Menifee	Wildomar

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## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

A look at 26 SoCal jurisdictions revealed that:

- **5** can charge higher annual license fees
- **18** can charge an annual fee in addition to annual licensing
- **11** require liability insurance
- **2** prohibit entry into their jurisdiction
- **4** impose designation longer than 36 months
- **14** require surprise compliance inspections



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## POTENTIAL CHANGES TO CITY REQUIREMENTS

1. *Impose a **\$125** annual license fee for potentially dangerous or vicious dogs;*
2. *Extend the potentially dangerous dog designation from 36 months to **48 months** (vicious dogs remain on the list for life);*
3. *Ban potentially dangerous or vicious dogs from moving to the City of Riverside;*



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## POTENTIAL CHANGES TO CITY REQUIREMENTS

4. *Impose administrative fine for violating the ban prohibiting potentially dangerous or vicious dogs from entering the City;*
5. *Require owners to obtain \$100,000 liability insurance; and*
6. *Adopt administrative fines for each violation of the requirements imposed on potentially dangerous and/or vicious dogs.*



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Public Safety Committee review the current policy on potentially dangerous and vicious dogs and consider potential amendments to Title 8 of the RMC.



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QUESTIONS?



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