

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING SECTION 8.04.070 OF THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE,
REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOGS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 8.04.070 of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:

“Section 8.04.070 Potentially dangerous and vicious dogs.

A. Chapter 9 of Division 14 of the Food and Agricultural Code (commencing with California Food & Agricultural Code § 31601 and as amended from time to time) is hereby adopted as the law and procedure, except the definitions for vicious and potentially dangerous dogs shall be as stated in Chapter 8.02. Enforcement of this Chapter includes but is not limited to the administrative remedies provided in Chapter 1.17 of the Riverside Municipal Code.

B. Once declared potentially dangerous or vicious, the designation of such shall be included in all registration records of the dog.

C. In addition to any other requirement provided by law, the owner of a dog declared potentially dangerous or vicious shall do all of the following:

1. The dog and owner are required to complete a Public Works, or designee, approved obedience course and shall provide proof of completion of such course within sixty (60) days of being deemed potentially dangerous. Such course shall be paid for by the dog owner.

2. The owner of the dog, possessor of the dog, or owner of the premises where the dog is to be kept shall obtain and maintain liability insurance in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and shall furnish a certificate or proof of insurance by which the City shall be notified at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to cancellation or nonrenewal.

D. A dog which has been determined to be a potentially dangerous or vicious dog shall be added to the list of potentially dangerous and vicious dogs for the City. Once a dog has been determined to be a potentially dangerous dog, if there are no additional instances of the behavior described in Chapter 8.02 of this Code defining “potentially dangerous dog” and “vicious dog” within a forty-eight (48) month period from the date of the determination, the animal may be

1 removed from the list of potentially dangerous dogs by the Animal Control Director or designee.

2 E. Any dog which has been declared potentially dangerous, dangerous, or vicious in any
3 administrative or legal proceeding, as a result of aggressive behavior, outside the boundaries of
4 the City, may not be relocated into the City.

5 F. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, a person who violates this section, or
6 violates an order determining a dog to be potentially dangerous or vicious, shall be subject to an
7 administrative citation in accordance with Chapter 1.17 of this Code. A person is guilty of a
8 separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which he or she commits,
9 continues, or permits a violation.”

10 Section 2: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and
11 information contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony,
12 hereby finds that this ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2),
13 15060(c)(3) and/or 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations,
14 Title 14, Chapter 3, in that it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical
15 change in the environment nor have a significant impact on the environment.

16 Section 3: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause
17 publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the
18 Charter of the City of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the
19 date of its adoption.

20 ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2016.

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24 WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III
Mayor of the City of Riverside

25 Attest:

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28 COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

1 I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
2 foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the
3 ____ day of _____, 2016, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and
4 regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2016
5 by the following vote, to wit:

6 Ayes:

7 Noes:

8 Absent:

9 Abstain:
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11 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
12 City of Riverside, California, this ____ day of _____, 2016.

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15 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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