

Grayson County Animal Control Ordinance  
Rabies Control and Dangerous Dogs

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**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.** When used in this Order, the following words and terms, unless the context indicates a different meaning, shall be interpreted as follows:

**1.1 OWNER:** Any person who has right of property in an animal, or who harbors any animals, or allows an animal to remain about his premises for a period of ten (10) days.

**1.2 HARBORING:** The act of keeping and caring for an animal, or of providing a premise to which the animal returns for food, shelter, or care for a period of ten (10) days.

**1.3 DOMESTIC ANIMAL:** Shall include all species of animals commonly and universally accepted as being domesticated.

**1.4 WILD ANIMAL:** Shall include all species of animals which exist in a natural unconfined state and not usually domesticated.

**1.5 PET ANIMAL:** Shall include dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, birds, reptiles, and any other species of animal which is sold or retained as a household pet, but shall not include skunks, nonhuman primates, and any other species of wild, exotic or carnivorous animal that may be further restricted in this law.

**1.6 DOG:** A domestic canine of either sex, including one neutered or sterilized.

**1.7 CAT:** A domestic feline of either sex, including one neutered or sterilized.

**1.8 VICIOUS DANGEROUS ANIMAL:** Any animal that commits an unprovoked attack upon a person on public or private property, or that attacks, threatens to attack or terrorizes a person on public property or in a public place.

**1.8 DANGEROUS DOG MEAN:**

(A) Any dog that, when unprovoked, inflicts bodily injury or death to a persons, or bites or attacks a person on public or private property; or

(B) Any dog that has killed or injured a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner's property; or

(C) Any dog which, when provoked, chases or approaches a person upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public or private property in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack such that the person reasonably believes that the animal will cause physical injury to the persons; or

(D) Any individual dog with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury, or to otherwise threaten the safety of persons or domestic animals.

**1.9 STRAY ANIMAL:** Any animal for which there is no identifiable owner or harborer.

**1.10 RUNNING AT LARGE:** Shall pertain to an animal off the premises of the owner and not under the physical, visible or audible control of the owner or his authorized representative. An animal intruding upon the property of another person than the owner shall be termed 'running at large'. An animal within a automobile or other vehicle of its owner shall not be deemed 'running at large'.

**1.11 RABIES VACCINATION:** Shall mean the vaccination of a dog, cat, or other domestic animal with an anti-rabies vaccine approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by a veterinarian licensed by the State of Texas.

**SECTION 2. RABIES CONTROL.**

**2.1 VACCINATIONS:** Every owner of a dog or cat three months of age or older shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies. All dogs or cats vaccinated (by the time the animal is four months of age and at regular intervals thereafter as prescribed by Board rule, Amendment Nov 7, 94) at three months of age or older shall be revaccinated at one year of age and annually thereafter. Such routine revaccination should be performed during the months of January and February during each calendar year. Any person moving into the county from a location outside of the county shall comply with this ordinance within ten (10) days after having moved into the county. If the dog or cat has inflicted a bite on any person, or another animal, within the last ten (10) days, the owner of said dog or cat shall report such fact to the veterinarian, and no rabies vaccine shall be administered until after the 10-day observation period.

**2.2 CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION:** Upon vaccination, the veterinarian shall execute and furnish to the owner of the dog or cat as evidence thereof, a certificate upon a form furnished by the veterinarian. The veterinarian shall retain a duplicate copy and one copy thereof shall be filed with the County Health Department. Such certificate shall contain the following information:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the vaccinated dog or cat;
2. The date of vaccination;
3. The type of rabies vaccine used;
4. The year and number of rabies tag; and
5. The breed, age, color, and sex of the vaccinated dog or cat.

**2.3 RABIES TAGS:** Concurrent with the issuance and delivery of the certificate of vaccination referred to in Section 2.2, the owner of the dog shall cause to be attached to the collar or harness of the vaccinated dog a metal tag, serially numbered to correspond with the vaccination certificate number and bearing the year of issuance and the name of the issuing veterinarian and his address. The owner shall cause the collar or harness, with the attached metal tag, to be worn by his dog whenever said dog is running at large.

**2.4 DUPLICATE TAGS:** In the event of loss or destruction of the original tag provided in Section 2.3, the owner of the dog shall obtain a duplicate tag.

**2.5 PROOF:** It shall be unlawful for any person who owns or harbors a vaccinated dog or cat to fail or refuse to exhibit his copy of the certificate of vaccination upon demand to any person charged with the enforcement of this Order.

**2.6 HARBORING UNVACCINATED ANIMALS:** It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor any dog or cat which has not been vaccinated against rabies, as provided herein, or which cannot be identified as having a current vaccination certificate.

**2.7 ANIMALS EXPOSED TO RABIES:** Any person having knowledge to the existence of any animal known to have been, or suspected of being, exposed to rabies must immediately report such to the Director of Public Health, giving him any information which he may require. For any animal known to have been, or suspected of being exposed to rabies, the following rules must apply:

a. Animals having a current, valid rabies vaccination which has been received less than 30 days prior to said exposure must be revaccinated immediately and confined according to the method prescribed by the Director of Public Health for a period of not less than 90 days.

b. Animals not having current valid vaccination or a vaccination that was received at least 30 days prior to said exposure should be humanely destroyed. However, if the owner of such an animal elects, he may at his expense, in a manner and for a length of time prescribed by the Director of Public Health, confine said animal. If at the end of this period, a licensed veterinarian declares the animal to be free of symptoms of rabies, the animal may then be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and reconfined for an additional 30 days. If at the end of the additional 30-day confinement, a licensed veterinarian finds that the animal remains free for all symptoms of rabies, the animal may then be released to the owner.

### **SECTION 3. REPORTING BITES FROM ANIMAL SUSCEPTIBLE TO RABIES: RELATED PROCEDURES:**

**3.1 DUTY TO REPORT:** Any person having knowledge that an animal has bitten a human being shall immediately report the incident to the Director of Public Health, Animal Control Officer, or to the Texas Department of Health Resources. Every physician or other medical practitioner who treats a person or persons for such bites shall within twelve (12) hours report such treatments to the Director of Public Health, Animal Control Officer, or to the Texas Department of Health Resources, giving name, age, sex, and precise location of the bitten person, or persons, and such other information as the officer or agency may require.

**3.2 EXCLUSIONS:** Human bites from rodents, rabbits, birds, and reptiles are excluded from the reporting requirements of this action.

**3.3 SUSPECTED RABIES:** Any veterinarian who clinically diagnoses rabies, or any person who suspects rabies in a dog, cat, or other domestic or wild animal shall immediately report the incident to the Director of Public Health, or Animal Control Officer, or to the Texas Department of Health Resources, stating precisely where such animal may be found. If a known or suspected rabid animal bites or attacks a domestic animal, such incident shall also be reported as required above.

**3.4 CONFINEMENT OF DOGS AND CATS:** Any dog or cat which has bitten a person shall be observed for a period of ten (10) days from the date of the bite. The procedure and place of observation shall be designated by the investigating officer or responsible agency. If the dog or cat is not confined on the owner's premises, confinement shall be by impoundment in the Grayson County Animal Shelter, or at any veterinary hospital of the owner's choice. Such confinement shall be at the owner's expense. Stray dogs or cats whose owners cannot be located shall be confined in the Grayson County Animal Shelter. The owner of any dog or cat that has been reported to have inflicted a bite on any person shall on demand produce said dog or cat for impoundment, as prescribed in this section. Refusal to produce said dog or cat constitutes a violation of this section, and each day of such refusal shall constitute a separate and individual violation.

**3.5 REMOVAL OF DOGS AND CATS FROM CONFINEMENT:** It shall be unlawful for any person to remove from any place of confinement any dog or cat which has been confined, or impounded, as authorized by this ordinance, without the consent of the impounding agency.

**3.6 PROCEDURES FOR OTHER ANIMAL BITES:** Any wild animal (other than rodents, rabbits, birds, and reptiles) which has bitten a person shall be caught and killed, if possible, and the brain submitted immediately to a qualified laboratory for rabies examination.

#### **SECTION 4. VICIOUS DANGEROUS ANIMALS.**

**4.1 VICIOUS DANGEROUS ANIMALS:** No person shall knowingly own or harbor a vicious dangerous animal as that term is defined in Section 1.8 within Grayson County. Such an animal shall be impounded as a public nuisance. If impoundment of said animal running at large cannot be made with safety to the Animal Control Officer, or other persons acting under his direction, the animal may be destroyed without notice to the owner or harborer.

**4.2 GUARD DOGS:** It shall be unlawful to place or maintain any dog which has been specifically trained to attack, in any area for the protection of person or property, unless the dog is physically confined to a specific area, or is under complete and absolute control. The area or premises in which a guard dog is confined must be conspicuously posted with warning signs bearing letters not less than two (2) inches high.

**4.3 ABANDONING ANIMALS:** It is hereby prohibited and shall be unlawful for any person to unwillfully abandon any animal, or to withhold food or water from any animal such that its health is endangered, or it is caused to suffer unduly.

#### **SECTION 4. DANGEROUS DOGS. December 21, 1992**

(Amendment I).

##### **4.1 DETERMINATION OF DANGEROUS DOGS:**

(A) A dog is automatically declared to be a dangerous dog under section 1.8 (A) and (B).

(B) The County Animal Control may find and declare a dog to be a dangerous dog if they have cause to believe that a dog is a dangerous dog under Section 1.8 (C) or (D).

(C) Upon receipt of an Affidavit of complaint signed by one or more individuals made under oath before an individual authorized by law to take sworn statements, or made to the Animal Control Officer setting forth the nature and date of the act, the location of the event, the owner of the dog, the address of the owner, and the description of the dog doing such an act, the County Animal Control shall investigate the complaint and may determine that a dog is dangerous under Section 1.8 (C) and (D).

##### **4.2 NOTIFICATION OF DECLARATION OF A DANGEROUS DOG:**

(A) Within five (5) working days of declaring a dog dangerous, the County Animal Control will notify, by certified mail, return receipt requested, the person owning the dog of its designation as a dangerous animal by issuance of a citation.

(B) If the dog is declared to be dangerous under Section 1.8 (C) or 1.8 (D), the notice shall inform the owner of the dog that a Determination Hearing may be requested to contest the declaration. The request for a Determination Hearing must be in writing and must be received by the Directory of Grayson County Health Department or his/her designee no later than five (5) working days from receipt by the owner of the dangerous dog declaration. Failure to appeal the declaration of dog within five (5) working days shall result in the Animal Control declaration as final.

##### **4.3 DETERMINATION HEARING:**

(A) Upon the written request for a Determination Hearing by the owner of a dog declared dangerous under Section 1.8 (C) or 1.8 (D), the Directory of the Health Department or his/her designee shall schedule said hearing before a Justice of the Peace. The Determination Hearing shall be conducted within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the request for such hearing.

(B) The owner shall be notified of said hearing by certified mail, return receipt requested. Failure of the owner of the dog to appear at the Determination Hearing shall result in the Animal Control declaration as final. Pending the outcome of the Declaration Hearing, the animal must be securely confined in a humane manner with a licensed veterinarian, or in the Sherman Animal Shelter. The costs of securing said dog pending the Determination Hearing shall be borne by the owner.

(C) The Justice of the Peace shall determine whether to declare the dog to be a dangerous animal under this Chapter based upon evidence, affidavits, and testimony presented at the time of the hearing by the owner, witnesses to any incident which may be germane to such personnel, police or any other person possessing information pertinent to such determination. The Justice of the Peace shall issue findings within five (5) working days after the Determination Hearing.

**4.4 DEFENSES TO DECLARATION OF A DANGEROUS DOG:** It is a defense to the determination of a dog as dangerous and to the prosecution of the owner of a dog previously declared to be dangerous:

(A) If the threat, injury, or damage was sustained by a person who at the time was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon the premises occupied by the owner of the dog; or

(B) If the person was teasing, tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog or has, in the past, been observed or reported to have teased, tormented, abused or assaulted the dog; or

(C) If the person was committing or attempting to commit a crime; or

(D) If the domestic animal killed was at the time teasing, tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog; or

(E) If the dog was protecting or defending a person within the immediate vicinity of the dog from an unjustified attack or assault; or

(F) If the dog was injured and responding to pain.

**4.5 DISPOSITION OF A DECLARATION HEARING:**

(A) In the event that the dog is determined to be dangerous the Justice of the Peace may order the dog to be euthanized in a safe and humane manner by a veterinarian or at the Sherman Animal Shelter by a trained Euthanasia Technician.

(B) The Justice of the Peace may find that the dog in question is 'Dangerous;' If the dog is dangerous, the owner must adhere to the following requirements:

(1) The dog must be registered in accordance with Section 4.8 of this Ordinance; and

(2) The dangerous dog must be kept in a proper enclosure; and

(3) The owner must present to the County Health Department a Certificate of Public Liability Insurance in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to cover any damages caused by the dangerous dog. The insurance shall be for a twelve (12) month period renewable each year and shall not be canceled unless the dog is no longer kept by the owner; and

(4) The dangerous dog, when taken outside the enclosure, must be securely muzzled in a manner that will not cause injury to the potentially dangerous animal nor interfere with its vision or respiration but shall prevent it from biting any person or other animal; and the dangerous

dog must be restrained by a substantial chain or cable leash having a minimum tensile strength of one thousand pound (1,000 lbs.) and not to exceed six feet (6') in length; and

(5) The owner shall post a sign on his/her premises warning that there is a dangerous dog on the property. This sign shall be visible and capable of being read from the public street or highway. In addition, the owner shall conspicuously display a sign with a symbol warning, understandable by small children, of the present of a dangerous dog; and

(6) Further identification may be required and designated by the County Animal Control Officer.

(7) A set of photographs depicting compliance with ordinance must be presented with registration.

(C) If the owner of the dog declared to be dangerous under this article is unable or unwilling to comply with the ownership requirements listed above, the dog shall be euthanized by the Animal Control Shelter Euthanasia Technician or a licensed veterinarian. A dog declared to be dangerous under this Article shall not be offered for adoption or sale.

**4.6 NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF STATUS:** The owner/keeper shall notify the Director of the Grayson County Health Department or his/her designee within twenty-four (24) hours if a dangerous dog is loose, unconfined, has attacked another animal, or has attacked a person, or has died, or has been sold or given away. The owner/keeper shall provide the Director of the Grayson County Health Department or his/her designee with the name, address, and telephone number of the new owner/keeper. The new owner/keeper must sign a sworn notarized statement that he/she will comply with all of the requirements of owners of dangerous dogs. The owner/keeper must comply with the requirements within ten (10) days of ownership of a dangerous dog.

**4.7 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTIES:** November 14, 1994 (Amendment III).

(A) In addition to any other violations, it shall be a violation of this Chapter for the owner of a dangerous dog to:

(1) Fail to have dangerous dog registered in accordance with this Chapter; or

(2) Have a dangerous dog outside the enclosure unless muzzled and restrained on a leash or chain as set out in Section 7;

(3) Fail to have proper enclosure to confine the dangerous dog; or

(4) Fail to post signs around the premises with clear visible warning signs that there is a dangerous dog on the premises; or

(5) Fail to secure and maintain public liability insurance of at least \$100,000; or

(6) Fail to have the dangerous dog neutered or sprayed;  
or

(7) Fail to notify the County Animal Control of a change of status as set out in Section 4.

(B) A violation of this order is a class C misdemeanor as provide by State Law.

(C) Exemptions: The provisions under this Section shall not apply to any law enforcement agency where an animal is being used for law enforcement.

#### 4.8 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

(A) The owner of a dangerous dog shall annually register the animal with the County Animal Control, and

(1) Present proof of:

(a) Liability Insurance or financial responsibility as required by Section 822.042 of Health and Safety Codes;

(b) Current rabies vaccination of the dangerous dogs; and

(c) The secure enclosure in which the dangerous dog will be kept; and

(d) Depiction by photographic evidence of compliance verified by inspection by Animal Control.

(2) Pays an annual registration fee of \$50.00.

(B) The Animal Control Authority shall provide to the owner registering a dangerous dog a registration tag. The owner must place the tag on the dog's collar.

(C) If any owner of a registered dangerous dog sells or moves the animal to a new address within Grayson County, the owner, not later than the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the sale or move, shall notify the Animal Control Authority for the area in which the new address is located. On presentation by the current owner of the dangerous dog's prior registration tag and payment fee of \$25.00, the Animal Control Authority shall issue a new registration tag to be placed on the dangerous dog's collar.

(D) An owner of a registered dangerous dog shall notify the office in which the dangerous dog makes on people.

4.9 GUARD DOGS: It shall be unlawful to place or maintain any dog which has been specifically trained to attack, in any area for the protection of person or property, unless the dog is physically confined to a specific area, or is under complete and absolute control. The area or premises in which a guard dog is confined must be conspicuously posted with warning

signs bearing letters not less than two inches (2") high. This section does not apply to dogs of law enforcement agencies.

4.10 ABANDONING ANIMALS: It is hereby prohibited and shall be unlawful for any person to willfully abandon any animal, or to withhold food or water from any animal such that its health is endangered, or it is caused to suffer unduly.

#### SECTION 5. IMPOUNDED ANIMALS.

5.1 IMPOUNDMENT: Animals owned or harbored in violation of this order, or any other ordinance or law of the State of Texas, shall be taken into custody by an Animal Control Officer, or other designated official, and impounded. Stray animals shall be similarly impounded.

5.2 ANIMAL SHELTER: A suitable animal shelter shall be provided for the purpose of boarding and caring for any animal impounded under the provisions of this Order. Such shelter shall be constructed in accordance with recommendation from the Texas Department of Health Resources. In lieu of constructing a shelter, the County may contract with any licensed veterinarian to provide this service at a fee mutually agreed upon and renewed on an annual basis, or may contract with any chartered humane society organization having a suitable facility within Grayson County that has been approved by the Texas Department of Health Resources.

5.3 DISPOSITION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS: As soon as practicable after impoundment, if the owner of the impounded animal is known, immediate notice shall be given to him. Any impounded animal may be redeemed upon payment to the care and feeding charges, veterinary charges, rabies vaccination charges, and such other costs as set by the Commissioners' Court. If such animal is not redeemed within three (3) days, it shall be deemed abandoned, and may be placed for adoption, subject to payment of the impoundment fee, care, and feeding charges, veterinary charges, and such other cost as set by the Commissioners' Court, or the Animal Control Officer may humanely euthanize said animal under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

5.4 DISPOSITION OF DISEASED ANIMALS: Any animal taken into custody by the Animal Control Officer, except those animals which have inflicted human bites during the preceding ten (10) days and that are visibly affected with any sign of communicable disease other than rabies which are being held at the impounding facility, may instead of being impounded, be humanely destroyed provided that any animal which has inflicted any human or animal bite during the preceding ten (10) days have its head removed by the Animal Control Officer and submitted to the laboratory for rabies examination.

**SECTION 6. CREATION, SUPERVISION, AND DUTIES OF ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION.**

**6.1 ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION:** There is hereby created an Animal Control Division of the Grayson County Health Department. The Director of Public Health shall, with the consent and approval of the commissioners' Court of Grayson County, appoint an Animal Control Officer who shall be supervised by and responsible to the Grayson County Health Department.

**6.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The Grayson County Health Department shall promulgate rules for and implement those procedures necessary to the enforcement of and in accordance with each separate section of this Order.

**6.3 FEES-LICENSES-PERMITS:** The Grayson County Health Department with consent and approval of the Commissioners Court, and subject to annual review and revision, will adopt a schedule of fees for impoundment.

**6.4 RECORDS:** It shall be the duty of the Grayson County Health Department to maintain such records as deemed necessary to the enforcement of all provisions of this Order and have those records available for display to the Commissioners' Court, or to the public, at any times during regular business hours of the Health Department.

**SECTION 7. SAFETY PROVISIONS.**

**7.1 SEVERANCE CLAUSE:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Order is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Order.

**7.2 REPEALER:** All other orders and parts of the orders in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**7.3** These regulations shall not apply within the corporate limits of incorporated municipalities (or within the limits of any unincorporated city or town operating under the general laws of the State of Texas) within the County unless and until adopted by said municipality, city, or town.

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**RULES PROVIDING FOR RABIES CONTROL, November 7, 1994 (Amendment II).**

**I. IN THIS ORDER.**

1. "Animal" means a warm-blooded animal.

- 2. "Board" means the Texas Board of Health.
- 3. "Cat" means Felis catus.
- 4. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.
- 5. "Department" means the Texas Department of Health.
- 6. "Dog" means Canis familiaris.
- 7. "Licensed veterinarian" means a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary in one or more of the 50 states.
- 8. "Owner" means a person who owns or has custody or control of the dog.
- 9. "Quarantine" means strict confinement of an animal specified in an order of the Board or its designee:
  - a. On the private premises of the animal's owner or at a facility approved by the Board or its designee; and
  - b. Under restraint by closed cage or paddock or in any other manner approved by the Board rule.
- 10. "Rabies" means an acute viral disease of man and animal affecting the central nervous system and usually transmitted by an animal bite.
- 11. "Restrain" means to prevent, by any manner, the dog from leaving the owner's property.
- 12. "Stray" means roaming with no physical restraint beyond the premises of an animal's owner or keeper.

**II. RESTRAINT OF DOGS.**

1. Every owner shall restrain his or her dog in such a manner as to prevent the dog from leaving the owner's property. Each owner shall restrain his or her dog on a leash not more than 6 foot in length while off the owner's property; dogs are not required to be on a leash while being used in connection with hunting or under the close supervision and control of the hunter and the hunting is being done with the permission of the owner or lessee of the land; dogs are not required to be on a leash while being used in connection with ranching and/or farming, are under the close supervision and control of the rancher or farmer, and the dog is not on the land of another without the permission of the owner of the land or the lessee of the land. Dogs are not required to be on a leash while being used by law enforcement or to aid a person with sight or hearing.

2. Each stray dog is declared a public nuisance.

3. Each dog that is not restrained as required in (1) above shall be detained or impounded by Grayson County Animal Control Officer for a period of 72 hours unless previously claimed by the owner.

4. Each dog that is impounded or detained shall be quarantined for a violation of The State Rabies Act of 1981 and be quarantined as required by the State Rabies Act.

5. The animal shelter which is holding the stray dog shall make a humane disposition of each unclaimed stray dog on the expiration of the required impoundment period.

6. The animal shelter which is holding the stray dog shall not release a dog to the owner without proof of rabies vaccination.

III. ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY. The enforcement authority under this order shall be the Grayson County Animal Control Officer or Grayson County Health Department's designee.

IV. VACCINATION OF DOGS AND CATS REQUIRED.

- A. Except as otherwise provided by Board rule, the owner of a dog or cat in Grayson County shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies by the time the animal is four months of age and at regular intervals thereafter as prescribed by Board rule.
- B. A veterinarian who vaccinates a dog or cat against rabies shall issue to the animal's owner a vaccination certificate in a form that meets the minimum standards approved by the Board.

V. RESTRAIN; CRIMINAL PENALTY.

A. A person commits an offense if:

- 1. The person fails or refuses to restrain a dog in Grayson County Texas, owned by the person; and,
- 2. The animal is required to be restrained under this order.

B. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

VI. VACCINATION; CRIMINAL PENALTY.

A. A person commits an offense if the person fails or refuses to have each dog or cat owned by that person vaccinated against rabies and the animal is required to be vaccinated under:

- 1. Section 826.021 and Board rules; or
- 2. This Order.

B. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.