Ordinance 2024-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LATIMER, IOWA, BY AMENDING 4-1-7 EFFECTIVE 11/1/24.

Section 1. That 4-1-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Latimer, Iowa, that currently reads as follows:

4-1-7 KEEPING A VICIOUS ANIMAL. An animal is deemed to be vicious when it has attacked, injured, or bitten any person without provocation or has exhibited the propensity to attack, injure, or bite persons or other domesticated animals, unprovoked, and such propensity is known to the owner or to reasonably have been known to the owner thereof.

A. An animal is deemed vicious under the following circumstances:

1. Has bitten or clawed a person without provocation on two separate occasions within a twelve (12) month period.
2. Did bite or claw a person, without provocation, causing injuries above the shoulders of a person.
3. Has attacked any domestic animal, without provocation, on more than two (2) separate occasions during the life of the animal.
4. Has killed any domestic animal, without provocation, while off the property of the attacking animal’s owner.
5. Has bitten another animal or human, without provocation, that causes a fracture, skin puncture, laceration, cut, or injury to the other animal or human.

Shall be amended to read as follows:

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A. An animal is deemed vicious under any the following circumstances:

1. Has bitten or clawed a person without provocation
2. Did bite or claw a person, without provocation, causing injuries above the shoulders of a person.
3. Has attacked any domestic animal, without provocation
4. Has killed any domestic animal, without provocation, while off the property of the attacking animal’s owner.
5. Has bitten another animal or human, without provocation, that causes a fracture, skin puncture, laceration, cut, or injury to the other animal or human.

B. Keeping of vicious animals is prohibited. No person shall keep, shelter, or harbor for any reason within the City a vicious animal except in the following circumstance:

1. Animals under the control of a law enforcement or military agency.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect for the next billing and upon publication as required by law.

PASSED, APROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council of Latimer, Iowa on the 13th day of November, 2024.

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Mark Johansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Simmons, City Clerk