

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATION AND RELATING TO THE
KEEPING OF DOGS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS
OF THE TOWN OF SNOW LAKE, MISSISSIPPI**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE TOWN OF SNOW LAKE SHORES, MISSISSIPPI:**

October 3, 2011

Section 1. It shall be unlawful, except as noted in Section 2 of this ordinance, for a vicious dog to be within the Town of Snow Lake Shores town limits. A vicious dog shall be defined as follows:

- (a) Any dog with a propensity, tendency or disposition to attack, to cause injury or otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals; or**
- (b) Any dog which attacks a human being or a domestic animal without provocation; or**
- (c) Any pit bull dog which is further defined as any Staffordshire Bull 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 by a qualified veterinarian duly licensed as such by the State of Mississippi.**

Any person with an above described dog shall be in violation of this ordinance and given seven (7) days to remove the dog from the town limits. Said notice shall be filed with the town clerk and a copy given to the person in violation of this ordinance. If said dog is not removed then the fine and penalty stated herein shall apply. If a person has already been given a notice on an earlier date for the same or a different dog then the notice described above is not required and town can proceed with prosecution against said person for violation of this ordinance and the fine and penalty described herein shall apply.

Section 2. Any of the above mentioned dogs that are currently within the town limits of the Town of Snow Lake Shores shall be allowed to stay within the town limits upon the following conditions being met:

- a. The owner of said dog shall have it in a fenced in area at all times with either a concrete floor or wire running under the ground. The fence shall be at least six feet high made of chain link or wood with a wire or wood ceiling.**
- b. Any offspring from said dogs will not be allowed to stay within the town limits of Snow Lake Shores and the above restrictions in Section 1 shall apply.**
- c. If the owner walks said dog it shall be on a leash that is strong enough to restrain the dog and the owner shall not walk the dog outside a fifty (50) foot radius of their real property (land).**
- d. Any person with said dog within the town limits of the Town of Snow Lake Shores shall have thirty (30) days from the date of the passage of this ordinance to comply with these requirements.**

Section 3. Any police officer or dog catcher may destroy any dog if it is in the act of attacking, pursuing, injuring or killing any person, livestock, or any other domestic animal.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to tie up a dog outside on a line, leash or other type restraint without having proper shelter for said dog.

Section 5. Any person violating or permitting the violation of any provision of this ordinance for the first time shall upon conviction in be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined a sum of not more than \$250.00. Upon a second conviction of violation of this ordinance may be fined a sum of not more than \$500.00. And upon a third and subsequent conviction of violation of this ordinance may be fined a sum of not more than \$1,000.00.

Section 6. If any section or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or provisions of this ordinance.

Section 7. Nothing in this ordinance is intended to create a cause of action or claim against the Town or its officials or employees running to specific individuals.

Section 8. It is the opinion of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the passage of this ordinance is necessary for the immediate and temporary preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, accordingly, said ordinance shall be made effective from and after its passage. This ordinance shall be posted in three (3) Public Places in the Town of Snow Lake Shores, Mississippi.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced in writing by Alderman Grissom and seconded by Alderman Lott and was read and considered, first section by section, then as a whole. The motion was put to a roll call vote by the Mayor with results as follows:

October 3, 2011

Alderman Jim Campbell	Aye
Alderman Michael Fly	Aye
Alderman Larry Hively	Aye
Alderwoman Bobbie Lott	Aye
Alderman Rick Grissom	Aye

Mayor Calvin Hightower

ATTEST:

Sheri Briggs, Town Clerk