

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners is authorized to adopt ordinances and regulations for the governing and policing of the unincorporated area of the County for the purpose of protecting and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County, Georgia adopted a Dangerous Dog Control Ordinance pursuant to the former Chapter 8, Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2012, the legislature amended certain parts of the Dangerous Dog Control law;

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners has determined that due to the amendment of the law, the current Douglas County Ordinance regarding dangerous dogs needs to be updated;

NOW THEREFORE, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County, as the duly elected governing authority of the County, to delete the text of local Ordinance Section 5-130 in its entirety and to replace the same with the following text:

Sec. 5-130 – Adoption of the Responsible Dog Ownership Law

The Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt and expressly incorporate herein by reference, the terms and provisions of the Georgia Responsible Dog Ownership Law, O.C.G.A. sections 4-8-1 through 4-8-33. The Board does further set and establish the penalties therein stated and does approve and adopt the charging of a registration fee and confiscation fee for dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs. The Board does further repeal only those portions of the county animal control ordinance that are expressly inconsistent with the terms and provisions of the Responsible Dog Ownership Law.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this change shall become effective upon adoption.

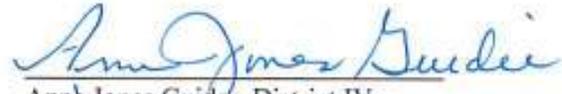
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed.

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Ordained this 18 day of ^{December}~~November~~, 2012.



Tom Worthan, Chairman


Henry Mitchell, III, District I
Kelly Robinson, District II
Mike Mulcare, District III
Anne Jones Guider, District IV

Attest:


Lisa Watson, County Clerk