

CITY OF BELLEVUE

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE BELLEVUE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DOGS ALLOWED IN A HOUSEHOLD FROM TWO TO THREE, AND ALLOWING MORE DOGS IN A HOUSEHOLD UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND, REMOVING BREED SPECIFIC REFERENCES FROM CHAPTER 90.97.

WHEREAS, the Board of Council desires to allow more dogs per household in the City of Bellevue, and wants to remove any breed specific references in the dangerous animals provisions of Chapter 90.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, IN CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

Chapter 90.18 is hereby amended as follows:

§ 90.07 DANGEROUS ANIMALS.

(A) Definitions. For the purpose of this section the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

(1) "DANGEROUS ANIMAL."

(a) Any animal which constitutes a physical threat to human beings or other domestic animals by virtue of a known or displayed propensity to endanger by pursuing, wounding, or attacking any other domestic animal or human being, whether or not such dangerous animal bears any license tag required by state law. However, an animal shall not be deemed dangerous if it bites, attacks, or menaces anyone assaulting its owner or any person or other animal who has tormented or abused it; it is otherwise acting in defense of an attack from a person or other animal upon the owner or other person; or it is protecting or defending its young or other domestic animal.

(b) Any animal trained, owned, or harbored for the purpose, primarily or in part, of animal fighting.

(c) Any animal which has been trained to attack persons independently or upon oral command, except animals owned by public law enforcement agencies.

~~(d) Any dog which is registered with the American Kennel Club as either an American Stafford Shire Terrier or Stafford Shire Bull Terrier; is registered with the United States Kennel Club as an American Pit Bull Terrier; conforms to either the standards of the American Kennel Club for the American Stafford Shire Terrier or Stafford Bull Terrier which were published, with an example photograph, in the Fifteenth Edition of the Complete Dog Book in 1977; or has predominate physical characteristics which are those of either the American Stafford Shire Terrier or the American Stafford Shire Bull Terrier indicated in the standards of the American Kennel Club which were published, with an example photograph, in the Fifteenth Edition of the Complete Dog Book in 1977.~~

§ 90.18 NUMBER OF DOGS PERMITTED WITHIN HOUSEHOLD.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any family unit to maintain more than ~~two~~ three dogs within a household located within the city limits, at any one time, except during times of whelping a new litter, and until such time as the litter attains the age necessary to be safely separated from the female dog.

(B) However, upon the reaching of an age sufficient for the litter to be self-sustaining or in any event not more than 12 weeks after the whelping of the pups, they shall be considered in violation of the limit established by this section, if the total number exceeds two dogs within the household.

(C) More than three dogs may be maintained in a household for a limited period of time not to exceed 90 days if the additional dog(s) are there because the owner of the dog(s) is unable to maintain them due to sickness, vacation, travel, family obligations or other reasons creating a necessity to have someone else maintain the dogs or if the dogs are being maintained while waiting for adoption from an animal shelter.

Section 2 – Conflicting Ordinances Repealed

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3 – Effective Date

The Ordinance shall be effective when read, passed and advertised according to law.

Charlie Cleves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary H. Scott, City Clerk

1st reading: _____

2nd reading: _____

Publication: _____