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Pit Bulls and Other Dangerous Animals.

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(d) Under no circumstances can the owner sell, give away, or destroy the animal until it has been released by a licensed veterinarian after the ten (10) day confinement (quarantine) period.

Section 7.1.9 Pit Bulls and Other Dangerous Animals.

(a) Keeping of Animals Prohibited. It shall be unlawful to keep, harbor, own or in any way possess within the corporate limits of the City of Hillsboro:

(1) Any warm-blooded, carnivorous or omnivorous, wild or exotic animal including but not limited to non-human primates, raccoons, skunks, foxes and wild and exotic cats.

(2) Any animal having poisonous bites.

(3) Any pit bull dog provided that pit bull dogs registered with the City on the day this Section becomes effective may be kept within the City subject to the standards and requirements set forth in Subsection (b) of this Section. "Pit bull dog" as that term is used in this Section is defined to mean:

a. The Staffordshire bull terrier breed of dog;

b. The American pit bull terrier breed of dog;

c. The American Staffordshire terrier breed of dog;

d. Any dog which has the appearance and characteristics of being predominantly of the breeds of Staffordshire bull terrier, American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, or a combination of any of these breeds.

(b) Keeping of Registered Pit Bulls. The provisions of Subsection (a) are not applicable to owners, keepers or harbors of pit bull dogs registered with the City of Hillsboro keeping, owning or harboring of such dogs is however subject to the following conditions:

(1) Leash and Muzzle. No person shall permit a registered pit bull dog to go outside its kennel or pen unless such dog is securely leashed with a leash no longer than four

(4) feet in length. No person shall permit a pit bull dog to be kept on a chain, rope or other type of leash outside its kennel or pen unless a person is in physical control of the leash. Such dogs may not be leashed to inanimate objects such as trees, posts, buildings, etc. In addition, all pit bull dogs on a leash outside the animal's kennel or pen must be muzzled by a muzzling device sufficient to prevent such dog from biting persons or other animals.

(2) Confinement. All registered pit bull dogs shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or kennel except when leashed and muzzled as provided in Subsection (b)(1). All pens or kennels shall comply with all zoning and building regulations of the City and shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

(3) Confinement Indoors. No pit bull dog may be kept on a porch, patio or in any part of a house or structure that would allow the dog to exit such building on its own volition.

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(4) Registration. All owners, keepers or harborers of pit bull dogs shall within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Section register said dog with the City by filing with the City Clerk two (2) color photographs of the dog clearly showing the color and approximate size of the dog. A fee for registration shall be set by resolution of the City Council and amended from time to time.

(5) Failure to Comply. It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper or harborer of a pit bull dog registered with the City to fail to comply with the requirements and conditions set forth in this Section.