

ORDINANCE #662

**AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE OWNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES,
REQUIREMENTS FOR POSSESSION AND VACCINATIONS OF
DOGS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OR LOGANSPORT AND
PENALTIES IMPOSED FOR INFRACTIONS**

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted the Town Council of the Town of Logansport, Louisiana, in lawful session convened, that the following ordinance be enacted:

Any person or persons who owns or possesses dogs within the limits of the Town of Logansport is subject to the following:

SECTION 1. OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The owner or possessor of a dog or dogs shall be responsible and liable for any and all actions taken by said animal.
- B. No dog shall cause a nuisance within the Town of Logansport.
- C. The owner or possessor of dogs shall be responsible for any behavior of the dog that is deemed a nuisance under the provisions of this part.
- D. An animal is considered a nuisance if it causes excessive noise by barking or otherwise or causes foul or offensive odor.
- E. Additionally, owners are responsible for any other act which is a violation of this ordinance which shall constitute a nuisance.

SECTION 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR POSSESSION

- A. No more than four (4) dogs are permitted per household.
- B. No more than two (2) dogs are permitted outside the household's fenced area at any given time.
- C. Dogs shall be confined in fenced area in a manner as to prevent escape of the dog.
- D. Pit Bulls and Rottweilers must be confined at all times within a six (6) foot fence with child proof hinges on gate.

- E. Leashes are required on dogs in park areas, school grounds, or public buildings or places.
- F. Dogs cannot be tethered on any property, vacant, or otherwise.

SECTION 3. VACCINATION

No person shall own, possess, keep, or harbor any dog over the age of three (3) months within the Town of Logansport without having:

- A. All dogs must be vaccinated for rabies on an annual basis by a licensed veterinarian,
- B. It shall be the duty of the owner to tag the dog with a tag issued by said veterinarian so that said tag is visible on the dog.
- C. It shall be the duty of the owner to tag the dog with a tag identifying the owner by name and address and phone number so that said tag is visible on said animal.

SECTION 4. IMPOUNDMENT

Whenever a dog has been impounded and the owner thereof is known or can be ascertained from registration tag, the Town of Logansport will advise the owner of the conditions upon which the dog may be released.

SECTION 5. REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS

Impounded dog may be released to the owner or keeper upon the payment of all relevant fees and fines as set forth below:

- 1. First infraction--\$50.00
- 2. Second offense within a two (2) year period--\$100.00
- 3. Each subsequent infraction within a two (2) year period--\$150.00

SECTION 6. PENALTIES

Any person found in violation of tethering a dog, upon conviction, will be fined the following:

- 1. First offense --\$100.00
- 2. Second and subsequent offenses--\$250.00

Any person who violates any provisions of the above sections or who shall hinder or interfere with any officer or agent for the Town of Logansport in the performance of any duty provided, upon conviction in Mayor's Court, will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined up to \$500.00 at the discretion of the Mayor.

SECTION 7.

Any and all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote with a motion from _____
and second from _____. The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: NAYS: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

Sharon Stewart, Town Clerk