

RESOLUTION NO. R03 - 117

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION R00-131; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASED FINE FOR VICIOUS ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE FOR SECOND OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTED FINE FOR VICIOUS ANIMALS IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Upon motion by Commissioner Storms, seconded by Commissioner Norman, the following Resolution was adopted by a vote of 6 to 0; Commissioner(s) \_\_\_\_\_, voting "No".

WHEREAS, the BOCC adopted Resolution R00-131 on June 28, 2000 which provided for a schedule of fines for violations of Animal Ordinance 00-26; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the BOCC directed a review of Animal Ordinance 00-26 to determine if revisions could be made to help reduce the number of animal bites in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Advisory Committee conducted such a review and made proposals to amend Animal Ordinance 00-26, along with related resolutions and BOCC policies; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Advisory Committee, proposed to increase the minimal fine for vicious animals and to provide a discount for animal owners cited if they comply with certain requirements, in its effort to help prevent future animal bites on humans and other animals; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC has reviewed the proposed changes and finds them necessary and appropriate to prevent animal bites on humans and other animals in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT A REGULAR MEETING ASSEMBLED THIS 4 TH DAY OF JUNE, 2003:

- (1) Section 1, Violation I of Resolution R00-131 is deleted in its entirety and the following new Section 1 Violation I is substituted, to read as follows:

"VIOLATION

I Vicious animal as prohibited by Section 9(A).

FIRST OFFENSE

450

SECOND OFFENSE

Mandatory Court Appearance

THIRD OFFENSE

Mandatory Court Appearance

UNCONTESTED DISCOUNT

Fine will be reduced to \$25 if, prior to the Hearing Date, the owner provides satisfactory proof of each of the following: current obedience training by an instructor approved by the Department; current health certificate from a veterinarian; proof of spay/neuter; microchip; and receives training on responsible pet ownership as it pertains to dangerous dogs provided by the Department.

COMPLIANT DISMISSAL TIME PERIOD

None"

(2) The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2004.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2003.

STATE OF FLORIDA                    )  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH        )

I, Richard Ake, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board at its regular meeting of June 4, 2003 as the same appears of record in Minute Book 325 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 6th day of June, 2003.

RICHARD AKE  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Julene W. Gregory  
Deputy Clerk



Approved as to form  
and legal sufficiency:

BY: C. Cotter  
County Attorney