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COUNCIL BILL 2017-230C

GENERAL ORDINANCE 6397

AN ORDINANCE

1 AMENDING the Springfield City Code, Chapter 18, 'Animals,' Article II, 'Dogs, Cats  
2 and Ferrets,' Division 3, 'Prohibition of Pit Bull Dogs,' by amending  
3 Section 18-98, 'Additional Regulations,' through the addition of language  
4 to said section establishing a future ban upon the possession of new pit  
5 bull dogs within the City limits; and designating an effective date for said  
6 amendments.

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9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD,  
10 MISSOURI, as follows, that:

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12 Note: Language to be added is underlined and language being removed is ~~stricken~~.

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14 Section 1 - Chapter 18 of the Springfield City Code, 'Animals,' Section 18-98,  
15 'Additional Regulations,' set out below, is hereby repealed and a new Section 18-98 is  
16 enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

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18 Sec. 18-98. - Additional regulations.

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20 (a) The current owner of any pit bull or any person who acquires valid ownership  
21 of a pit bull shall be allowed to keep such pit bull within the city only if the  
22 owner registers the pit bull with the city and receives a valid registration.  
23 Further, any person owning a pit bull who relocates his or her residence to  
24 the city shall, within 30 days of relocating their residence to the city, register  
25 their pit bull and comply with all provisions of this chapter regarding  
26 ownership of such animal. As a condition of registration of a pit bull, the  
27 owner shall at the time of application comply with or otherwise provide  
28 sufficient evidence that the owner is in compliance with all of the following  
29 regulations:

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31 1) The owner of the pit bull shall provide proof of rabies vaccination and

32 shall pay the annual pit bull registration fee of \$50.00.

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- 34 2) The owner of the pit bull shall keep current the registration for such pit  
35 bull through annual renewal. Such registration is not transferable and  
36 shall be renewable only by the holder of the registration or by a  
37 member of the holder's immediate family. A pit bull registration tag will  
38 be issued to the owner at the time of issuance of the registration. Such  
39 registration tag shall be attached to the pit bull by means of a collar or  
40 harness and shall not be attached to any pit bull other than the pit bull  
41 for which the registration was issued. If the pit bull tag is lost or  
42 destroyed, a duplicate tag may be issued upon the payment of a \$2.00  
43 fee.
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- 45 3) The owner shall, at the owner's own expense, have the pit bull spayed  
46 or neutered and shall present to the city manager or his authorized  
47 representative documentary proof from a licensed veterinarian that this  
48 sterilization has been performed. This subsection shall not apply to  
49 any pit bull which is registered as an active participant in a dog  
50 exhibition or skills association or organization for which the owner must  
51 present a certificate of registration from the American Kennel Club  
52 and/or the United Kennel Club and a signed and notarized affidavit  
53 that the animal has or will be used a show dog or is a registered  
54 service animal. The exception contained in this subsection does not  
55 apply to any pit bull which has not actively participated in any such  
56 shows in the previous 12 months.
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- 58 4) The owner shall bring the pit bull along with the documentary proof  
59 that all of the above conditions have been met to the city animal  
60 shelter. The city animal shelter shall issue a registration and  
61 registration tag if all conditions have been met and upon receipt of the  
62 registration fee. The owner shall allow a person authorized by the city  
63 manager to implant a microchip or at the owner's option have the  
64 microchip implanted by a veterinarian. The city animal shelter shall  
65 maintain a file containing the registration numbers and names of the  
66 pit bulls and the names and addresses of the owners. The owner shall  
67 notify the city animal shelter of any change of address.
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- 69 5) At all times when a pit bull is at the property of the owner, the owner  
70 shall keep the pit bull "confined", as that term is defined in subsection  
71 18-59.1(d)(3). At all times when a pit bull is away from the property of  
72 the owner, the owner shall keep the pit bull securely leashed and  
73 either muzzled or wearing head gear that provides equal protection as  
74 if muzzled or in a "secure temporary enclosure", as that term is defined  
75 in section 18-96.
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- 6) An owner of a pit bull shall notify the city manager or authorized representative within five days in the event that the pit bull is lost, stolen, dies, or has a litter. In the event of a litter, the owner must deliver the puppies to the city animal shelter for destruction or permanently remove the puppies from the city and provide sufficient evidence of such removal by the time the puppies are weaned, but in no event shall the owner be allowed to keep in the city a pit bull puppy born after the date of publication of this ordinance, that is more than eight weeks old. Any pit bull puppies kept contrary to the provisions of this subdivision are subject to immediate impoundment and disposal pursuant to this section.
- 7) The owner shall have posted at each possible entrance to the owner's property where the pit bull is kept a conspicuous and clearly legible pit bull sign. Such pit bull sign must be at least eight inches by ten inches in rectangular dimensions and shall contain only the words "PIT BULL DOG" in lettering not less than two inches in height.

(b) ~~(e)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the city manager or his authorized representative is authorized to immediately impound any pit bull found in the city which does not fall within the exceptions listed in section 18-97, and the municipal animal shelter may house or dispose of such pit bull in such manner as the city manager or his authorized representative may deem appropriate, except as the procedures in subsection (c) ~~(f)~~, otherwise require.

(c) ~~(f)~~ When the city manager or his authorized representative has impounded any pit bull dog pursuant to this section, and the owner of such dog disputes the classification of such dog as a pit bull, the owner of such dog may file a written petition with the city manager or his authorized representative for an administrative hearing concerning such classification no later than seven days after impoundment. Such petition shall include the name and address, including mailing address, of the petitioner. The city manager or his authorized representative will then issue a notice of hearing date by mailing a copy to the petitioner's address no later than ten days prior to the date of the hearing. Where no written request from the owner for a hearing is received by the city manager or his authorized representative within seven days of impoundment, the pit bull shall be destroyed.

(d) The administrative hearing, if any, will be held before the city municipal court. Any facts which the petitioners wish to be considered shall be submitted at the hearing. Municipal court shall make a final determination whether the dog is a pit bull as defined in section 18-96. Such final determination shall be considered a final order of the city manager or his authorized representative subject to review under RSMo ch. 536.

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(e) If the dog is found to be a pit bull, it shall be destroyed, unless the owner produces evidence deemed sufficient by the city manager or his authorized representative that the pit bull is to be permanently taken out of the city and the owner pays the cost of impoundment. If the dog is found not to be a pit bull, the dog shall be released to the owner. The procedures in this subsection shall not apply and the owner is not entitled to such a hearing with respect to any dog which was impounded as the immediate result of an attack or bite and has been deemed a "vicious or restricted dog" under section 18-59.1 or 18-60 or if the owner is a "reckless owner" pursuant to section 18-2.

(f) Effective on and after January 1, 2018, the City shall no longer accept any new pit bull dog registrations, and all pit bull dog registrations on and after said date shall only be renewals of existing current pit bull dog registrations. Except for pit bull dogs registered before January 1, 2018, no pit bull dogs shall reside in, and no pit bull dogs shall be bred (regardless of when registered), within the City limits. Possession or ownership of an unregistered pit bull dog within the City limits shall be prohibited, and such unregistered dogs may be seized and disposed of pursuant to subsections (b) through (e), inclusive, of this section.

(g) Notwithstanding the terms of subsection (f) in this section, if an unregistered pit bull dog is impounded at the municipal animal shelter from January 1, 2018, until January 1, 2019, a temperament test shall be conducted at the municipal animal shelter, and if such dog is deemed to pass such test it shall be eligible for adoption within or outside Springfield's city limits. The ownership and keeping of such dogs shall be subject to all requirements and conditions contained in this section and in the City Code. The terms of this subsection (g) shall not apply from and after January 1, 2019.

Section 2 - This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

Passed at meeting: October 2, 2017

  
Mayor

Attest: , City Clerk

Filed as Ordinance: October 2, 2017

Approved as to form: , Assistant City Attorney

167 Approved for Council action: , City Manager

## SUPPLEMENTAL EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2017-230

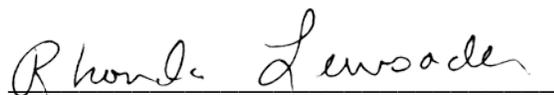
REMARKS: At the October 2, 2017, City Council Meeting, Councilman Fishel moved to amend Council Bill 2017-230 by adding the phrase “including but not limited to a jail sentence as authorized by section 1-7” after the word “penalties” on line 172 and line 186 of the Bill as originally filed. City Council adopted the motion.

In addition, Councilman Hosmer moved to divide the consideration of Council Bill 2017-230 so as to consider separately the question of amending section 18-99 of the City Code and the question of approving the changes to the text of section 18-98 of the City Code found between lines 118 and 124 of the Bill as originally filed. City Council adopted the motion.

The adoption of the motion meant three separate votes were made on Council Bill 2017-230. The first vote approved the amendment of section 18-99 of the City Code in Council Bill 2017-230 as amended by Councilman Fishel’s motion. The second vote approved the changes to the text of section 18-98 of the City Code found between lines 118 and 124 of the Bill as originally filed. The third vote approved adoption of the remainder of the revisions to section 18-98 set out in Council Bill 2017-230 as originally filed.

The division of the consideration of Council Bill 2017-230 required amendment of Council Bill 2017-230 into three ordinances: General Ordinance 6395 (2017-230-A) – amending section 18-99 of the City Code; General Ordinance 6396 (2017-230-B) – approving changes to the text of section 18-98 of the City Code found between lines 118 and 124 of the Bill as originally filed, and General Ordinance 6397 (2017-230-C), adopting the remainder of the revisions to section 18-98 set out in Council Bill 2017-230 as originally filed.

Submitted by:



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