

INTRODUCED BY:  
VICE MAYOR PRUETTE



ORDINANCE NO. 2008-07

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 6-17 ANIMALS CAUSING INJURY, ADDING SECTION (b) AND DELETING SECTION 6-29 PERSONS BITTEN MUST REPORT TO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida has determined that it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare to hold animal owners accountable and responsible in the event that their animal injures a person or animal.

**Now, Therefore**, be it ordained by the City Council of Neptune Beach, Florida:

**Section 1.** Section 6-17 Animal Causing an Injury, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Neptune Beach is hereby amended as follows:

Section 6-17 – Animal Causing Injury.

(a) An owner or person in control of an animal that injures a person or animal may be guilty of this Section.

(b) An owner or any person in control of any animal that injures a person or another animal must report the injury to the Department of Public Safety without unnecessary delay and in no case more than 24 hours after the incident.

~~(b)~~ (c) The Department of Public Safety and all officers under its supervision may issue a citation for a civil penalty. A surcharge equal to all administrative costs, including but not limited to any filing fees required by the Clerk of Court for the filing of civil citations by the City of Neptune Beach shall be assessed and collected from the defendant upon each civil penalty imposed for violation of this ordinance. For violations of this chapter, the civil penalty shall be assessed and paid in the following amounts:

First offense - \$300

Second offense and any subsequent offense -\$500

~~(e)~~ (d) Definition of Injury by an Animal. An injury by an animal is defined as a wound or other harm to a person or another animal inflicted or caused by an animal.

**Section 2.** Section 6-29 Persons Bitten Must Report To Police Department of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Neptune Beach is hereby deleted as follows:

~~In the event any person is bitten by an animal within the corporate limits of the city, then it shall become the duty of such person or the owner of the animal with knowledge thereof, to report such incident to the department of public safety within twenty-four (24) hours thereafter.~~

**Section 3.** The Ordinance shall become effective on after passage by the City Council.

**VOTE RESULTS OF FIRST READING:**

Mayor Richard A. Brown.	Yes
Vice Mayor Harriet Pruette	Yes
Councilor Fred Lee	Yes
Councilor Eric Pardee	Yes
Councilor John Weldon	Yes

Passed on First Reading this 2nd day of June, 2008.

**VOTE RESULTS OF SECOND AND FINAL READING:**

Mayor Richard A. Brown  
Vice Mayor Harriet Pruette  
Councilor Fred Lee  
Councilor Eric Pardee  
Councilor John Weldon

Passed on Second and Final Reading this of

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Richard A. Brown  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Volpe, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved as to form and correctness:

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Christopher A. White  
City Attorney