

CHAPTER 4 – ANIMALS

Sec. 4-16. Vicious animals; orders, enforcement.

(a) Upon determining an animal to be vicious, the justice of the peace or municipal court shall enter such orders as it deems necessary to protect the public. The justice of the peace or municipal court shall retain continuing jurisdiction over the matter for a period not to exceed three years to ensure that the orders are enforced. The justice of the peace or municipal court may order but is not limited to the following:

(1) That the owner of the vicious animal post one or more signs on the premises where the animal is kept a sign in letters not less than three inches, easily readable by the public using the words "Danger: Vicious Animal"

(2) That the owner obtain public liability insurance in a single incident amount of not less than fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars or such other amount as determined by the court for bodily injury or death of any person for damage to property caused by the vicious animal.

(3) That the animal be destroyed or removed from the premises.

(4) That the animal at all times be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or kennel, except when leashed or muzzled.

(5) That the animal be spayed, neutered or tattooed for identification purposes.

(6) That the animal be defanged, declawed or debarked.

(7) That the cost of the proceedings to declare the animal vicious be assessed against the owner.

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