

ORDINANCE NO. 09-17

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING VICIOUS DOGS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village of Covington, Ohio:

Section One: No person shall own, keep or have in his or her possession or under his or her control within the Village of Covington a vicious dog. For purposes of this ordinance, a vicious dog is a dog which because of its size and vicious nature or other dangerous characteristics constitutes a danger to human life or property and shall meet at least one of the criteria listed below:

- a) while outside the premises of the owner of the dog, the dog chased without provocation any human being and bitten or attempted to bite such person.
- b) while outside the premises of the owner of the dog, the dog has killed or seriously injured any other domestic animal owned by another, including dogs or cats.

Section Two: This ordinance shall not apply to any official police or law enforcement dog

Section Three: A violation of terms of this ordinance shall be a third-degree misdemeanor; and upon a conviction of said ordinance violation, the Village may seek a court order to terminate the dog.

Section Four: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period permissible by law.

PASSED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017

  
Edward L. McCord, Mayor

  
R Scott Tobias, Council President

  
Brenda Carroll, Fiscal Officer