

ORDINANCE NO. 5059

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE II, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES “DOGS” TO ADD AND/OR AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OR SUBSECTIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of March, 2025, that Chapter 14, Article II, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 14-50 is hereby added as follows:

Sec. 14-50 Aggressive Dogs

Aggressive dog means a dog that meets one of the following conditions:

(a) Bites, assaults, or otherwise attacks a person without provocation on the property of the owner and causes serious bodily injury to the person, provided that the person is on the property of the owner with the owner's consent or invitation;

(b) Attacks and does bodily injury to domestic animals;

(c) Has committed acts that cause a person of normal sensibilities to fear the dog will attack that person or a domesticated animal without provocation while inside an enclosure, and such enclosure is not sufficient to ensure the safety of persons or domesticated animals on adjoining property or the public at large; or

(d) Has otherwise interfered with the freedom of movement of persons in a public right- of-way, regardless of whether the dog was on the property of its owner.

No aggressive dog shall be allowed to run or be upon any street unless such dog is under the immediate control of a competent person and restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length. Aggressive dogs found by the parish sheriff's department or rabies control unit to be at large may be seized and impounded.

All dogs found in violation of this section shall be picked up and impounded, and the owner of such dog shall be required to pay any fines, pickup fees, and maintenance costs. If no person claims an interest in such dog, the dog may be humanely disposed of by sale, adoption, or euthanasia.

Secs. 14-51—14-80. - Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICY JURY