

BILL NO. 2909

ORDINANCE NO.           

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 5-52 AND 5-57 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI, RELATING TO DANGEROUS ANIMALS.**

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that certain breed specific language in the City Code governing dangerous animals is often misleading and confusing given the changes in breeds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to eliminate the breed specific language from the City Code in order to more clearly regulate dangerous animals in the City of Chesterfield.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section One**

Article V of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Chesterfield, Missouri, is hereby amended by deleting paragraph 5-52 (8) as follows:

- (8) In addition, in any administrative or judicial proceeding relating to the provisions of this section, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that any of the following are dangerous animals and may only be owned or maintained within the city in strict compliance with all provisions of this section:

Any bull terrier breed of dog, which shall be defined as any Staffordshire bull terrier breed of dog, and/or, any American pit bull terrier breed of dog, and/or any American Staffordshire terrier breed of a dog, and/or, any mixed breed of dog which contains, as an element of its breeding, genetic components of the aforementioned bull terrier breed of dog, and/or, any dog which has the appearance and characteristics and is known by the owner to be predominantly of the breeds of the bull terriers, Staffordshire bull terrier, American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, and/or any other breed commonly known as pit bulls, pit bull dogs or pit bull terriers, or a combination of any of these breeds.

**Section Two**

Article V of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Chesterfield, Missouri, is hereby amended by deleting paragraph 5-57 (5) (b) as follows:

- (b) **Birth.** All offspring born of dangerous animals within the city must be removed from the city within three (3) months of their birth or shall be registered and comply with all the requirements listed within these ordinances.

**Section Three**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect both from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK**

FIRST READING HELD: _____
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