

THE CITY OF WARWICK  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 4  
ANIMALS AND FOWL

No..... Date.....

Approved.....Mayor

Be it ordained by the City of Warwick:

Section I. Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warwick is hereby amended to add the following:

**Sec. 4-12. – Confinement of dangerous dogs and female animals in heat; impoundment; reclamation.**

- (a) ~~The owner shall confine within a building or secure enclosure every fierce, dangerous, or vicious dog, and not take such dog out of such building or secure enclosure unless such dog is securely muzzled. At the boundaries of the property where the building or enclosure are located, the owner shall post signs that state a warning "Vicious Dog on Premises" in sufficiently large enough type to be read at a distance of six feet from the sign. The owner of every vicious dog shall adhere to all restrictions put upon such dog by the vicious dog panel.~~
- (b) Every female dog or other animal in heat shall be kept confined in a building or secure enclosure, or in a veterinary hospital or boarding kennel, in such a manner that such female dog or other animal cannot come in contact with another dog or animal, except for intentional breeding purposes.
- (c) Any animal described in the foregoing subsections of this section, found at large, shall be impounded by the animal control officer and may not be reclaimed by the owner, unless such reclamation be authorized by any court having jurisdiction.
- (d) Any dog or other animal may, the first time it is impounded for being a public nuisance, be reclaimed as provided in this chapter, but may not be reclaimed when so impounded on second or subsequent occasions unless such reclamation is authorized by a court having jurisdiction in the matter.
- (e) When, in the judgment of the animal control officer or any police officer in this city, an animal should be destroyed for humane reasons, such animal may not be reclaimed.

1 Section II. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

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3 SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON  
4 On Behalf of MAYOR AVEDISIAN

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6 COMMITTEE: ORDINANCE

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