<u>VICIOUS AND DANGEROUS DOG ORDINANCE FOR</u> <u>PULASKI COUNTY, ILLINOIS</u>

VICIOUS AND DANGEROUS DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any dog which has been found to be a vicious dog unless such dog is at all times kept in an enclosure, which is a fence or structure of al least six (6) feet in height, with a concrete flooring, suitable to prevent the entry of young children, and suitable to confine a vicious dog in conjunction with other measures which may be taken by the owner or keeper, such as tethering of a vicious dog within the enclosure.

"Vicious Dog" means

- 1. Any individual dog that when unprovoked inflicts bites or attacks a human being other animal either or public or private property
- 2. Any individual dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human being or domestic animals
- 3. Any individual dog that has a trait or characteristic and a generally known reputation for vicious, dangerousness or unprovoked attacks upon human being or other animals, unless handled in a particular manner or with special equipment.
- 4. Any individual dog which attacks a human being or domestic animal without provocation.
- 5. Any individual dog which has been found to be a "dangerous dog" upon (3) separate occasion.

"Found to be a vicious Dog" means:

1. That the Administrator, an Animal Control Warden, or a Law enforcement officer has conducted an investigation and made a finding in writing that the dog is a vicious dog.

The only times that a vicious dog may be allowed out of the enclosure are 1). If it is necessary for the owner or keeper to obtain veterinary care for the dog, or 2). To comply with Order of the Court of competent jurisdiction, provided that the dog is securely muzzled and restrained with a chain having a tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding three (3) feet in length, and shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Owner or keeper of the said dog.

"Dangerous Dog" means

1. Any individual dog which when either unmuzzled, unleashed, or unattended by its owner, or a member of it's owner, or a member of it's owner's family, in a vicious or terrorized manner, approaches any person in an apparent attitude of attack upon streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds or places.

Any Dog which has been found to be a vicious dog and which is not confined to an enclosure shall be impounded by the Administrator, Animal Control Officer, or the law enforcement authority having jurisdiction in such area, and shall be turned over to a licensed veterinarian for destruction by lethal injection.

"Impoundment" means

1. Taken into the custody by an Animal Control Officer or Law Enforcement officer to a public pound.

No owner or keeper of a vicious dog shall sell or give away the dog.

COUNTY OF PULASKI

PASSED BY THE PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 13 th DAY OF 1, 2005.

Rex Wilburn, Vice Chairman

Thurston, Chairman

Tanna S. Goins, County Clerk