

ORDINANCE NO. 128
AN ORDINANCE BANNING PUPPY MILLS IN THE TOWN OF AVOCA

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Avoca, Arkansas to ban puppy mills within the town; and

WHEREAS, the lack of regulation over puppy mills in the Town presents a potential for health, safety, and welfare concerns for full-time residents, visitors, and animals within the Town of Avoca.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY TOWN OF AVOCA, ARKANSAS:

1. Limited Number of Animals per Household:

(a) It shall be unlawful at any time for more than four dogs non-neutered/spayed, older than four months to be kept, harbored or maintained upon any premises or within any household inside the city limits. This provision shall not apply to proprietors of animal hospitals, veterinarians, temporary commercial boarding and grooming services, pet shops, or in areas of the city which are zoned agricultural.

(b) Any person found not to be in compliance with this section shall, at the discretion of the animal control officer in accordance with uniform town standards, have a period of not less than ten days nor more than 30 days to reduce the number to comply with this provision.

(c) Any person convicted of violating this section shall be fined \$100.00 per dog for the first offence, \$200.00 per dog or the second offence, \$300.00 per dog, and legal action for the third offence.

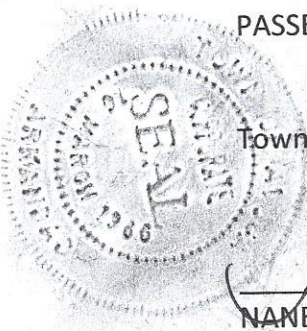
(d) Each animal over the limit shall constitute a separate offense under this section.

2. Emergency Clause:

(a) The adoption of this Ordinance is essential to the public health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants, visitors, and animals within the Town of Avoca. An emergency is therefore declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the time of its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of January 2023.

Town of Avoca, Arkansas



Nanette Barnes
NANETTE BARNES, Recorder-Treasurer

By: *Robert Whitehorn*
ROBERT WHITEHORN, Mayor

User Name: MACKENZIE
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