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# Vicious Dog and Aggressive Dog

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# Dangerous Dog

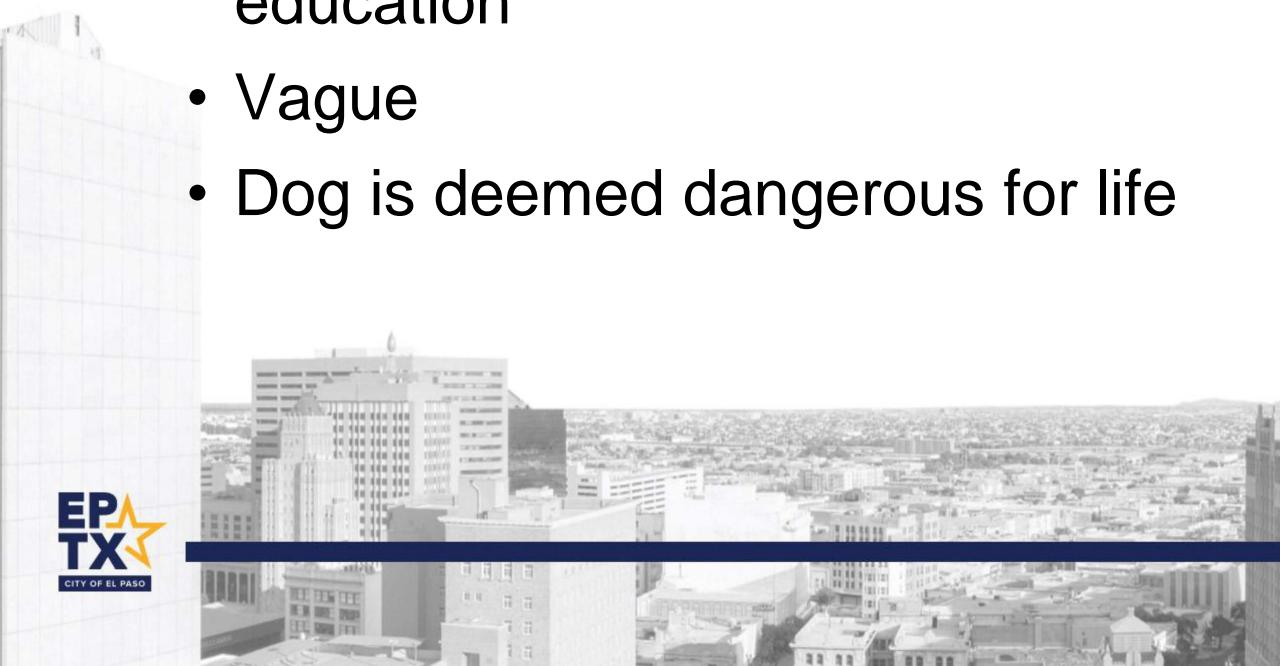
## State Law 822.041

- Dog has to be at large
- Causes bodily injury to a person
- Unprovoked attack



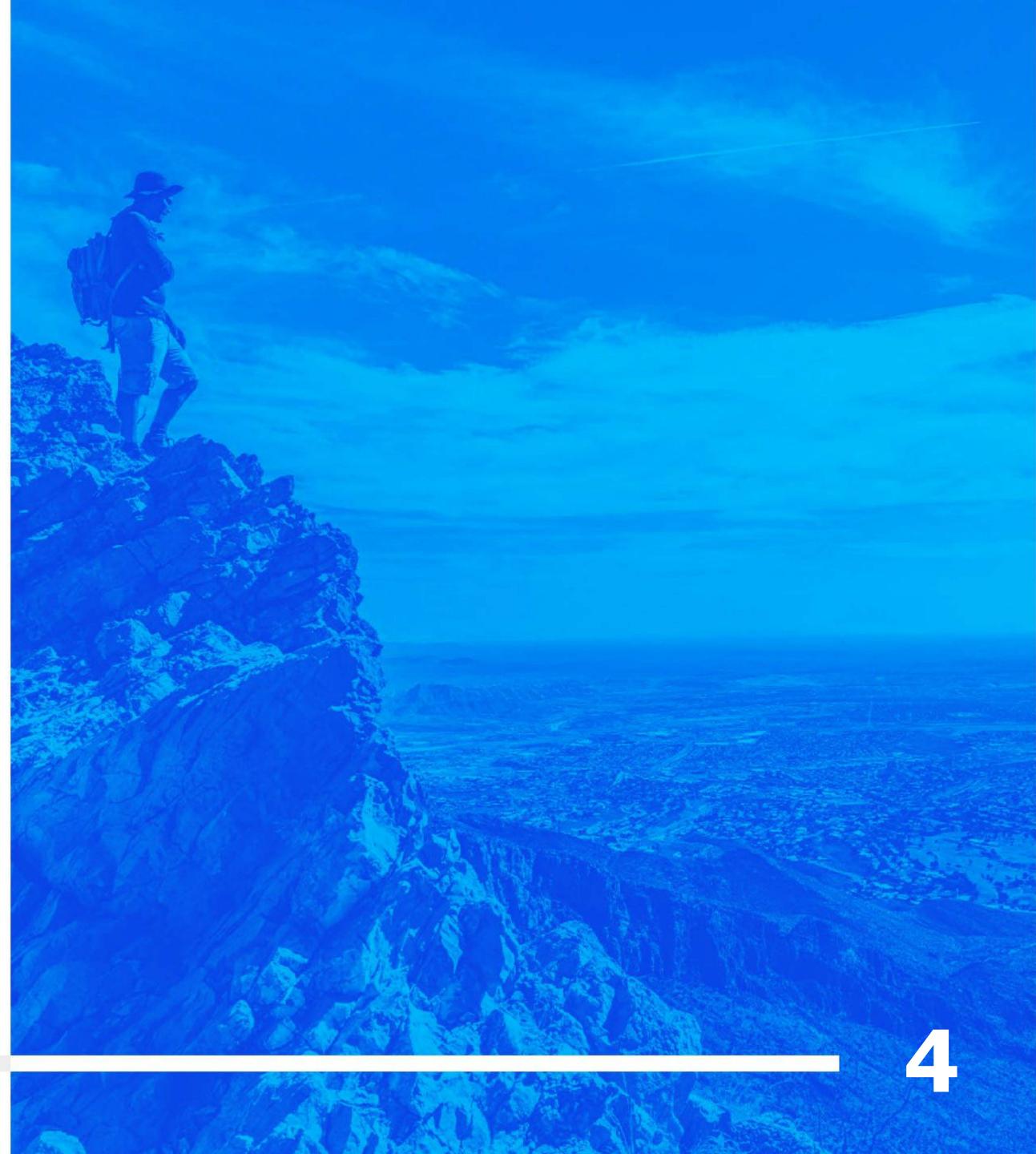
# Dangerous Dog Challenges

- Person focused only and not animal
- Its reactionary
- Doesn't allow for progression or education
- Vague
- Dog is deemed dangerous for life



# Title 7 Changes Dangerous Dog

- Adding the addition of Vicious Dog
- Adding the addition of Aggressive Dog



# Aggressive Dog

- “**Aggressive Dog**” means a dog that menaces, interferes with public movement (e.g., chasing pedestrians or vehicles), or displays threatening behavior toward a person or animal while at large



# Aggressive Dog 30 Day Requirements

- Leashed at all times or in a secured enclosure
- Post a visible “Warning: Aggressive Dog in enclosure
- Complete a responsible pet owner course approved for Texas courts



# Aggressive Dog Solutions

- Allows for educational opportunities
- Proactive
- Safety focused for repeat offenders.
- Example: 2 dogs on Montoya had 13 non confinement citations.
- Allows Animal Protection Officers to be more efficient



# Vicious Dog

- “**Vicious Dog**” means a dog causes severe injury to or kills a domestic animal, livestock, or fowl (except dogs acting in a hunting capacity) while at large.



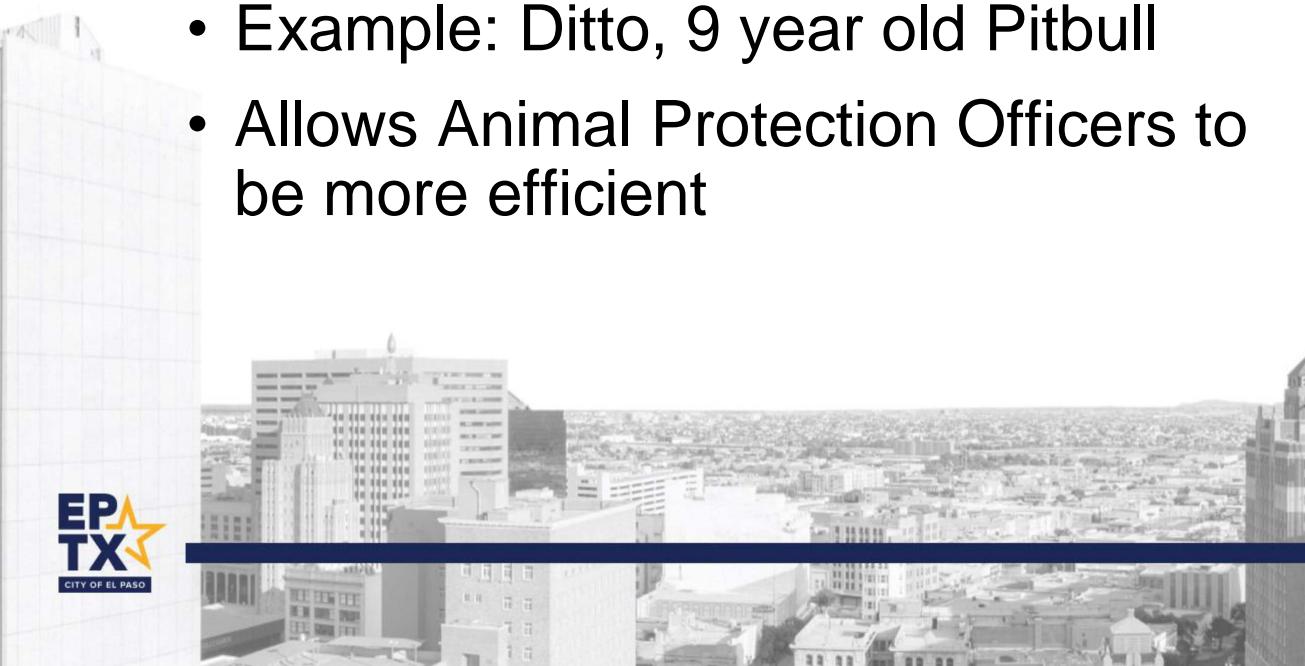
# Vicious Dog 30 Day Requirements

- Leashed at all times or in a secured enclosure
- Post a visible “Warning: Vicious Dog” sign
- Complete a responsible pet owner course approved for Texas Courts



# Vicious Dog Solutions

- Allows for educational opportunities
- Proactive
- Safety focused
- Example: Ditto, 9 year old Pitbull
- Allows Animal Protection Officers to be more efficient



# Removal of Designation petition requirement

- **Aggressive Dog**
  - 1 years of compliance
  - Proof of Spay or Neuter
- **Vicious Dog**
  - 3 years of compliance
  - Proof of Spay or Neuter

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# Recap

## **Dangerous Dog**

- State Mandate

## **Aggressive Dog**

- City Ordinance

## **Vicious Dog**

- City Ordinance

## **Dangerous Dog**

- Causes injury to a person

## **Aggressive Dog**

- Threatening behavior towards people or animals

## **Vicious Dog**

- Causes severe injury to or kills an animal

# Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

This presentation was presented to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee in December 2025 and January 2026 and the Committee supports this ordinance change.

## MISSION



Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.

## VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



## VALUES

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People

## MISIÓN



Brindar servicios excepcionales para respaldar una vida y un lugar de alta calidad para nuestra comunidad

## VISIÓN



Desarrollar una economía regional vibrante, vecindarios seguros y hermosos y oportunidades recreativas, culturales y educativas excepcionales impulsadas por un gobierno de alto desempeño



## VALORES

Integridad, **Respeto**, Excelencia, Responsabilidad, Personas