



CITY OF EL PASO

# 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



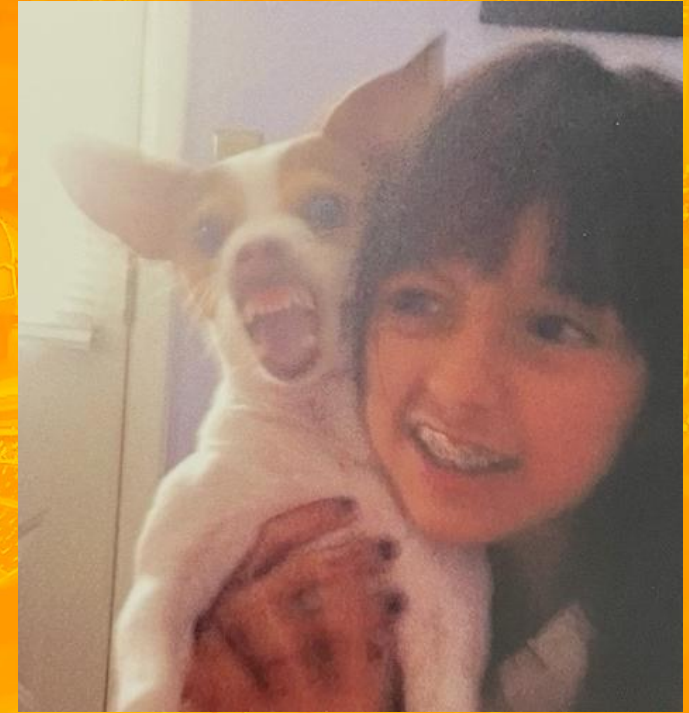
# Title 7 Changes

## 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

Does not guarantee removal of designation

- **Vicious Dog**

- 3 years of compliance
- Proof of Spay or Neuter

Does not guarantee removal of designation

# 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, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,  
**A**ccountability, **P**eople



## 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