

TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE

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ORDINANCE #18-08-15-003 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 81: ANIMALS

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Knightdale may enact ordinances to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens under the North Carolina General Statute §160A-174; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Knightdale wishes to amend Chapter 81 of the Knightdale Code of Ordinances to align the language with Chapter 91 of the Wake County Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Wake County provides animal control services to Knightdale and has procedures in place and trained personnel to deal with animal issues; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are to Section 81.37 of the Knightdale Code of Ordinances and include the addition of a definition and the amendment of a preexisting definition; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Knightdale, North Carolina:

Text to be inserted is **bold and underlined**:

Text to be removed is struck through:

Section 81.37 Definitions

For purposes of this chapter, certain words and terms are defined as herein include:

<u>Inherently Dangerous Mammal: Inherently dangerous mammal is any live member of the canidae, felidae, or ursidae families, including hybrids thereof, which, due to their inherent nature, may be considered dangerous to humans and which include:</u>

- (1) Canidae. Any member of the dog (canid) family not customarily domesticated by humans, or any hybrids thereof, including wolf hybrids which are a cross between a wolf and a domestic dog, but not including, domestic dogs (Canis familiaris);
- (2) Felidae. Any member of the cat family weighing over 15 pounds not customarily domesticated by humans, or any hybrids thereof, but not including, domestic cats (Fells catus); and
 - (3) Ursideae. Any member of the bear family or any hybrids thereof.

Vicious Animal: any animal, which constitutes a physical threat to human beings or other animals by virtue of the occurrence and severity of unprovoked attacks of such number and severity as to cause property damage or physical injury. These animals are prohibited within the Town limits.

This the 15th day of August, 2018.

James A. Roberson, Mayor

ATTEST

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