

2-1001

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE INOCULATION OF ALL DOGS OWNED BY CITIZENS OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina in Council met and by the authority of same.

SECTION 1 THAT from a period of ten days after passage of this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person owning one or more dogs, either male or female, to allow same to run at large on Streets of Ridgeway, South Carolina without being inoculated against rabies.

SECTION 2 SAID inoculation as pertains to this Ordinance shall be performed by any licensed Veterinarian or Medical Doctor. Said dog or dogs, either male or female must have around its neck, at all times a metal tag such as is prescribed by the laws of South Carolina governing the inoculations of dogs when having been inoculated.

SECTION 3 SHOULD owner of such dog, or dogs prefer he may disregard that part of Section 2 of this Ordinance as pertains to the dog or dogs wearing the metal tag, PROVIDED he will exhibit said tag or tags, or proof of inoculation to the Chief of Police for inspection.

SECTION 4 ANY dog or dogs, either male or female, owned by any resident of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina running at large after the passage and time limitation as stated in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be destroyed by the Chief of Police or his assistant in any way they might see fit, PROVIDED such way of destroying does not jeopardize the lives of Citizens.

SECTION 5 THAT all Ordinances or part of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance be and are hereby repealed.

DONE in Council ___ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____

Clerk

1st Reading:

Second Reading:

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2-1002

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND FOR PROPER SEWERAGE DISPOSAL, TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Wardens in Council assembled:

- SECTION 1 THE Town of Ridgeway shall be responsible for the collection of all garbage, trash, waste matter at regular weekly intervals and shall inform all citizens of the approximate time of such collections.
- SECTION 2 THE Town shall make proper disposal of all garbage so as not to endanger the public health or welfare.
- SECTION 3 EACH dwelling house, place of business or structure used for public or private purposes shall provide adequate containers for trash, garbage and waste matter and said containers shall be placed in an easily accessible place for the convenience of the garbage collector.
- SECTION 4 EVERY residence, place of business, building or structure used for private or public housing, cafe or restaurant, makers, laundry or other place of business or facility having waste water or sewerage for disposal shall make proper provisions for the sanitary disposal of same at the expense of the property owner or Lessee of said property.
- SECTION 5 DISPOSAL must be through connection with existing sewer pipe or by septic tanks or other means approved by State Law regulating septation and health but shall be at the expense of the property owner or responsible Lessee.
- SECTION 6 IT shall be a misdemeanor for any person or persons to violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars and not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or not more than Thirty (30) days imprisonment, at the discretion of the Mayor.
- SECTION 7 ANY person or persons having been warned to correct any existing conditions in violation of this Ordinance and failing to do so, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor provided correction of existing condition is not corrected with Thirty (30) days after the warning and shall be liable to a fine of not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars and not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, or imprisoned not

more than Thirty (30) days, at the discretion of the Mayor. Each additional day after the Thirty (30) day period the person or persons remain in violation of this ordinance shall be fined not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for each day said person or persons remain in violation or shall be imprisoned not more than Thirty (30) days, within the discretion of the Mayor.

SECTION 8

IT shall be misdemeanor for any person or persons to maintain or permit to exist on his, her or their property any unsanitary or unhealthful conditions which may be a menace to the health of residents of the community. Such person or persons may be fined not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars and not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, with the discretion of the Mayor.

DONE in Council ___ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____
Clerk

1st Reading:

Second Reading:

AMENDMENT
ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2-1003

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2-1003,
AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT THE MAINTENANCE OF FIRE HAZARDS WITHIN
THE TOWN LIMITS OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council in meeting duly assembled.

WHEREAS, the Council desires to amend and add restrictions as follows;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

Council hereby adds Section 1 (A) of Ord. 2-1003, and inserts the following:

SECTION 1 (A): Persons burning general vegetation must first contact the South Carolina
Burn Permit office to check for weather conditions and leave contact
information.

DONE in Council this 13th day of July, 2017.

MAYOR:

TOWN CLERK:

FIRST READING: 6/22/2017
SECOND READING: 7/13/2017

AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT THE MAINTENANCE OF FIRE HAZARDS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Wardens in Council assembled:

SECTION 1 THAT it shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm, corporation, association to permit the accumulation of trash, debris, paper, waste matter, discarded furniture or equipment, or any other inflammable or combustible material in such a place or manner as to be a fire hazard.

SECTION 2 THE Fire Chief or Police Chief or other designated individual specifically appointed by the Mayor or Council shall have the power to inspect any and all buildings, sheds, warehouses, structures, dwellings to determine if existing conditions constitute a fire hazard. After inspection of buildings and found to be unsafe and creates a dangerous condition, the Fire Chief may recommend the building be condemned. When approved by council the owner will be notified by registered letter and a notice sign will be attached to the building. The notice will be signed by the Fire Chief and Mayor. Owner must advise council within 30 days his intentions: otherwise the building must be removed and lot cleaned within 90 days. Each day will constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3 WHERE in the judgement of the Fire Chief, Police Chief or other specifically appointed official a fire hazard exists the property owner, lessee or responsible person or persons shall be notified and requested to make such changes as may be necessary to remove the hazard of fire.

SECTION 4 ANY person warned to correct or removed conditions judged to be fire hazards and failing to do so within ten (10) days shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Thirty (30) days, within the discretion of the Mayor or Council.

DONE this ___ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____
Clerk

1st Reading:

Second Reading:

2-1004

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE FIRING OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS OF ALL KINDS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Wardens in Council assembled:

SECTION 1 THAT from and after the first day of May 1961, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to discharge or exploded any "fireworks" legally or illegally of any kind of variety in the streets or places of business within the limits of the Town of Ridgeway.

SECTION 2 IT shall be unlawful for any person or persons to build, experiment with building or cause to be built any form or kind of rocket using explosive propellants or using gases or solid or liquid fuel of an explosive nature within the TOWN limits of Ridgeway.

SECTION 3 ANY person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall not be fined not less than One (\$1.00) Dollar or imprisoned not less than One (1) day and not more than thirty (30) days.

DONE in Council ___ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____

Clerk

1st Reading:

Second Reading:

2-1005

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, BY REGULATION OF SALE AND TRANSPORTATION OF MEAT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Ridgeway in meeting assembled.

SECTION 1 THAT no market or individual shall offer for sale within the incorporate limits of the Town of Ridgeway any meat or animal products from any animal slaughtered in any unclean or unsanitary place or any meat, fish or animal products can be exposed for sale as aforesaid unless the slaughter house where said meats are handled is provided with: (1) cement floor; (2) running water; (3) sufficient screening to keep out flies; (4) sheet iron or concrete sides which are high than the place where the meat is hung, so that sides can be thoroughly cleaned. In addition to the above, said premises shall be subject to inspection and correction by the Town Board of Health or Health Officer of the Fairfield County Health Dept.

SECTION 2 WHENEVER any meat is transported through the streets of the Town it shall b wrapped or covered so as to protect it from flies, insects and dirt and shall not be exposed thereto in any manner whatsoever.

SECTION 3 ANY person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be fined for each offense not less than Five (j\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars or by imprisonment from 1 to 30 days in the discretion of the Mayor.

DONE in Council ___ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____
Clerk

1st Reading:

Second Reading:

2-1006

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DISPOSAL OF ASHES, ETC.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina in meeting assembled:

SECTION 1 THAT it shall be unlawful to empty ashes in such a way that they may be blown or scattered upon adjoining property or persons in the community.

SECTION 2 THAT it shall be unlawful to deposit coals, embers or clinkers except when the same have been thoroughly cooled or extinguished or when they have been buried or otherwise been rendered harmless to persons or property.

SECTION 3 ALL ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4 ANY person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction may be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars or imprisonment not exceeding the ten (10) days in the discretion of the Mayor.

SECTION 5 THIS ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DONE in Council ___ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____
Clerk

1st Reading:

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE

2-1007

Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina Section 2 by adding a new section 1007 to prohibit running at large of dogs in the Town of Ridgeway.

WHEREAS, the Town Council is aware of incidences within the State where humans have been injured by unrestrained dogs; and

Whereas, the council believes the health and safety of the citizens of Ridgeway can be better preserved by requiring that the owners of dogs be restrained when beyond the limits of the owners property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council, that Section 2 of the Town Ordinances is amended by adding a new section 2-1007 to read as Follows:

2-1007

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS IN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow the same to run at large beyond the limits of his own lands or the land leased, occupied or controlled by him unless restrained or under direct command of the owner.

Any such owner violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine for each offense of not more then fifty dollars.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY has caused this Ordinance to be adopted this 09 day of November, 1993.

Done in Council 09 day of Nov., 93.

Mayor: _____ 21

Attested: _____

1st Reading: 10/12/93

Second Reading: 11/09/93
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AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2-1008

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNSIGHTLY HEIGHT OF WEEDS AND GRASS A
NUISANCE IN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council in meeting duly assembled.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to have more control over resident's property as to prohibit unsightly height of weeds and grass and amend the following;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

SECTION 1: Council hereby strikes Section 3 of Ord. 2-1008, as approved on October 9, 1996 and insert the following:

Section 3: The Council, or any officer or employee of the Town designated thereby for the purpose, is hereby authorized to give notice, by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the owner or occupant as the case by may be, of any premises growing in excess of one foot in height and where trash and waste material have accumulated, directing and requiring the occupant to trim or cut the grass, weeds, or vegetation, and remove the trash and waste material, within 14 days after issuance of the notice.

- a. The notice shall state that upon written request received prior to the expiration of 14 days, the hearing officer will conduct a hearing at which the requesting party may appear or be represented for the purpose of determining the applicability of this article to the property.
- b. After the hearing, the hearing officer shall issue a written order containing findings and conclusions, and specifying a time in which any corrective action must be taken, which shall be served by certified mail upon the party requesting the hearing.

Section 4: It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to comply with a notice or order to abate a nuisance pursuant to this article. The official or hearing officer may issue an ordinance summons or seek an arrest warrant for violation of this article.

- a. Upon failure of the responsible party to abate a nuisance as required by notice or order, the official may go onto the property and correct or remove the conditions constituting a nuisance. The costs of abatement shall be a lien on the property which shall be added to and collected in the same manner as property taxes.

DONE in Council this 12th day of July, 2016.

MAYOR:

TOWN CLERK:

FIRST READING: 6/9/2016
SECOND READING: 7/12/2016

ORDINANCE

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2-1008

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNSIGHTLY HEIGHT OF WEEDS AND GRASS A NUISANCE IN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council in Council Meeting.

SECTION 1 No person, firm or corporation owning or occupying any property within the Town shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon the premises so as to exceed any unsightly height or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit or vermin. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon premises in the Town in violation of any of the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of the Town.

SECTION 2 The owner of any premises, as to vacate premises or premises occupied by the owner, and the occupant thereof, in case of premises occupied by other than the owner thereof, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon the premises, and shall remove any and all accumulation of trash or waste material remaining upon the premises.

SECTION 3 The Council, or any officer or employee of the Town designated thereby for the purpose, is hereby authorized to give notice, by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the owner or occupant as the case may be, of any premises growing, and where trash and waste material have accumulated, directing and requiring the occupant to trim or cut the grass, weeds or vegetation, and remove the trash and waste material, within 14 days after issuance of the notice.

A. The Town shall have the option of either:

- (1) Having Town employees remove, trim or cut the grass, weeds, or vegetation and remove the trash and waste materials and the cost thereof together with an additional penalty of 10 percent may be collected by the Town from that owner or occupant. Cost for this section shall be calculated at \$40.00 per hour for man and equipment and a minimum of 1 hour will be charged for any work performed by the Town.

- (2) The Mayor shall have the power to solicit two (2) bids in writing from a list made up by the Mayor of private persons, firms or corporations who are qualified to do such work and shall have the power to select the lowest bid and to contract with the third party to remove, trim or cut the grass, weeds, or vegetation and remove the trash.

DONE in Council this 9th day of October, 1996.

MAYOR:

TOWN CLERK:

1st Reading: 9/10/96

2nd Reading: 10/9/96

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ORDINANCE

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2-~~1~~009

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE STORAGE OF JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Ridgeway in meeting duly assembled:

Section 1. FINDINGS:

The Council herein finds that motor vehicles which are partially dismantled or wrecked and which can not be safely or legally operated when left unsheltered become breeding grounds for insects, rodents, and disease bearing animals.

The Council further finds that these insects, rodents, and disease bearing animals can endanger and affect the citizens of this community.

The Council further finds that these condition are not common when the storage of motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts and accessories are necessary to the operation of a business, such as auto junk yards, auto repairs and auto body shops provided the vehicles or motor vehicle parts and accessories are located within fenced areas designed for the protection of commercial property, and are regularly inspected by the operator for purposes of eradicating insects, rodents, or animals found inhabiting the vehicle or parts.

The Council further finds that non-commercial storage of junked motor vehicles aesthetically damages the neighborhoods in which they are located , as well as, create attractive nuisances which may injure children.

The Council further finds open storage of junked vehicles to be a public nuisance.

In consideration of the afore listed findings, the Council herein ordains that:

- A No person shall store on public property within the corporate limits of Ridgeway a junked vehicle or motor vehicle parts and accessories;
- B. Except for commercial establishments meeting the conditions as set out below, no person shall store on private property within the corporate limits of Ridgeway a junked vehicle or motor vehicle parts and accessories unless the junked vehicles or motor vehicle parts and accessories are sheltered within a garage, shed, out building, or similar type structure.

- C. The Town will cause to be removed any junked vehicle or motor vehicle parts and accessories found to violate this ordinance; and
- D. The Town will cause to be assessed penalties as provided hereafter upon violators.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS :

For purpose of this ordinance the following definitions shall be applicable:

“Junked motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle or boat which is partially dismantled or wrecked and which cannot safely or legally be operated or upon which the payment of municipal property tax is not current. “Motor vehicle” means any self-propelled land vehicle which can be used for towing or transporting people or materials, including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, buses, motor homes, motorized campers, motorcycles, motor scooters, tractors, lawn mowers, snow mobiles, dune buggies, and other off the road vehicles or part thereof.

“abandon vehicle” means any motor vehicle or boat which is partially dismantled or wrecked and which cannot safely or legally be operated or upon which the payment of municipal property tax is not current.

“Accessories” means any part or parts of any motor vehicle.

“Person” means and includes any individual, firm, partnership, association, or corporation whether taxable or non-taxable.

“Private Property” means any real property not owned by the federal government, state, county or other political subdivision.

Section 3. PROHIBITED STORAGE.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having custody of any junked motor vehicle or accessories to store or permit any such vehicle or accessories to remain on any private or public property within the town for a period in excess of 30 days unless the motor vehicle or accessories are located within an enclosed building or on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner when the junked vehicles or accessories are located within a screened fenced area where the operator regularly inspects for the removal of insects, rodents, and animals. The failure to remove a junked vehicle or accessories or properly shelter a junk vehicle or accessories within 30 days of receipt of notice by the vehicle owner or owner of the real property will constitute a violation of the ordinance and may subject the violator to a fine of up to \$200.00 or 30 days in jail or both. A new violation of this section will accrue every 10 days if the junked vehicle is not removed. After notice and hearing as set out below the Town may remove the junked vehicle to storage and or sell the vehicle.

Section 4: NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

Whenever any member of the Town's police department finds or is notified that any junked motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessories have been stored or permitted to remain on any private or public property in excess of 30 days the property will be tagged by Town personal. Thereafter a notice by certified mail will be sent to the owner of record of such motor vehicle or accessory, if the owner can be ascertained through the exercise of reasonable diligence. The owner of the real property as shown on the tax records upon which the vehicle or accessory are located, if not the same as the owner of the vehicle or accessory, will also be directed by certified mail to remove the junked motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessories within 30 days. The notices will also contain the following information.

- E. Notice of Complaint
- F. Description and location of the motor vehicle and/or motor vehicle accessories.
- G. Statement that the motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessories should be removed from the premises no later than thirty days from date of notification or the Town will remove and stored with a wrecking company at their expense.
- H. The wrecking company the Town will use for removal should the Town have to act and the fact that the operator of this wrecking company may after 30 days of storage sell the property to the highest bidder to recover unpaid storage fees.
- I. State that removal from the location specified in the notification to another location upon which said storage is not permitted, is prohibited and shall subject the person to additional penalties.
- J. Statement that if removal is made within the time limits, specific notification must be given in writing to the town police to assure the stopping of the Town's enforcement proceedings.
- K. Statement that the owner has a right to a hearing on the complaint in Municipal Court and the date and time for the hearing and the penalties provided if found in violation of the ordinance.

For the purposes of this section, the date on the tag which is placed on the vehicle by Town personal will be used to calculate how long the vehicle or accessories have been located on the property. For the purposes of this section the date shown upon the receipt for certified mail will be used to calculate the date when the Town may remove the vehicle or accessories.

Section 5: REMOVAL OF JUNKED VEHICLES:

The Town may remove junked vehicles and or accessories located in violation of the ordinance 30 days after notice to the real property owner. The Town may remove the vehicle or accessories by contracting with one or more salvage yards or wrecking companies that will take the junked vehicles or accessories at no charge to the town. The contract with the wrecking company will provide that the wrecking company understands that the Town does not agree to pay the cost of removal and that the company expects to recover its compensation through the payment of a storage lien by the vehicle owner or in the alternative by the sale of the unclaimed

vehicle or accessories after legal execution upon its lien.

To qualify to contract with the Town a salvage company or wrecking company must : (1) hold a license issued by the South Carolina Tax Commission (2) possess 10 or more vehicles or junked motor vehicles; (3) regularly engages in buying and selling used motor vehicle parts; (4) own the necessary equipment to transport junked motor vehicles or accessories, and (5) send written notice to the vehicle owner, if reasonably able to identify, that the junked vehicle or accessories are in storage and can be picked-up for the transportation fee and a storage fee calculated at a daily rate.

Section 6: ALTERNATE REMOVAL PROCEDURE

The Town may elect not to have a wrecking company store the vehicle after 30 days notice to the owner but instead sell the vehicle to the highest bidder or dispose of the vehicle as scrap.

Section 7. AFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take affect sixty days from the date of adoption.

DONE in Council this 10th day of March , 1998.

MAYOR:

TOWN CLERK:

1st Reading: 9/9/97

2nd Reading: 3/10/98

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2-1010

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF CERTAIN (VICIOUS) ANIMALS IN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Ridgeway, in meeting duly assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1: All owners, keepers, harborers, lessees or custodians of any vicious dog, guard dog or attack dog, or other vicious animal shall display in a prominent place on their premises, and at each entrance or exit to the area which such is confined, a sign easily readable by the public using the words "Beware of Dog" or wording of similar import in letters at least two inches (2") in height. Such animals shall be kept in secure confinement and shall not be allowed to leave such confinement unless securely restrained by leash, muzzled, and under the physical control of a person. "Secure confinement," means locking the animal securely indoors or confining it in a securely enclosed kennel or pen located in of a perimeter fence. Said pen or kennel must be constructed of four sides, a locking gate, and a top, all made of sturdy fencing, with sides securely buried in the ground or embedded in a concrete pad. The pen must be designed to prevent the entry of the general public and the escape or release of the animal. The gate must be locked at all times when the owner or keeper is not present and controlling the animal. The kennel or pen may not share common fencing with the perimeter fence.

SECTION 2: A vicious animal is one which:

- (1) Makes an unprovoked attack that causes bodily injury to a human being in a place other than where the animal is confined; or
- (2) Commits unprovoked acts in a place other than the place where the animal is confined and those acts cause a person to reasonably believe that the animal will attack and cause bodily injury to a human being; or
- (3) The owner knows or reasonably should know has a propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, cause injury, or otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals.

SECTION 3: No animal may be kept in the town which is owned or kept primarily or in part for fighting or which is trained for fighting.

SECTION 4: No animal shall be deemed vicious solely because it has attacked a trespasser.

SECTION 5: "Owner" means one who owns, keeps, harbors, or who has custody or control of an animal.

SECTION 6: "Injury" or "bodily injury" means lacerations, broken bones, punctures of the skin, or any physical injury resulting in medical treatment or death.

ANY SUCH OWNER VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 OR IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AND THE VICIOUS ANIMAL MAY BE IMPOUNDED AND MAY NOT BE REDEEMD UNLESS SUCH REDEMPTION IS AUTHORIZED BY FAIRFIELD COUNTY'S CHIEF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY has caused this Ordinance to be adopted this 1st day of April 2002.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTE _____

FIRST READING: 03-18-02
SECOND READING: 04-01-02

Pit Bull Registration and Control Ordinance
For Town of Ridgeway, S.C.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED

SECTION 1.

Pursuant to the authority granted in S.C. Code Section 47-3-20 which states ..“The governing body of each county or municipality in this State may enact ordinances and promulgate regulations for the care and control of dogs, cats, and other animals and to prescribe penalties for violations...” the Town of Ridgeway upon the singing of this Ordinance, hereby enacts and establishes the following ordinance regarding the regulation of any dog that substantially conforms to a pit bull breed of dog hereinafter referred to as “pit bulls”:

SECTION 2

- a. All pit bulls living within the Town limits of the Town of Ridgeway as of February 1, 2008 shall be registered by the owner or controller with the Ridgeway Police Chief. The Police Chief shall maintain a registry of pit bulls living within the Town of Ridgeway.
- b. Any owner or controller of pit bulls who does not register said pit bulls, after five days written notice from said police chief stating the necessity and duty of registering said pit bulls, shall be in violation of this Ordinance, and may be summoned before the Town Judge.
- c. The registry of pit bulls shall be posted at the Ridgeway Town Hall for public notice.
- d. The Police Chief upon any attack on a person or animal by a pit bull shall actively enforce

the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. Sections 47-3-710 through 47-3-770 through the Magistrate's Court in order to control and regulate pit bulls within the Town of Ridgeway. Further, despite any ruling of the Magistrate's Court, any pit bull that is determined to have physically attacked any person or other animal shall not be allowed to live or reside within the Town of Ridgeway, and any owner or controller shall remove said pit bull within 5 days of written notice from the police chief. Said police chief is hereby given the power to also physically remove any offending pit bull from the Town of Ridgeway at the owner or controller's expense.

- e.. All other laws of the Town of Ridgeway pertaining to dogs shall remain in full force and shall not be affected by this ordinance.
- f. Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a maximum fine of \$500.00 or 30 days in jail or both..

DONE IN COUNCIL THIS 9th DAY OF January, 2008

1ST READING 12/12/2007

2ND READING 1/09/08