

## ORDINANCE NO. 848

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA AMENDING SECTIONS 6-1.26 OF THE COALINGA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO VICIOUS DOGS

The City Council of the City of Coalinga does ordain as follows:

The following sections of the Coalinga Municipal Code are amended to read:

Sec. 6-1.26. - Attacking dogs.

- (a) Prohibited. No owner of or person responsible for a dog shall permit such dog to attack, chase, or harass any person, or any domestic animal having a commercial value, such that injury occurs or, in the case of a person, substantial fear of a significant injury is caused.
- (b) Physicians to report animal bite cases. All cases of animal bites treated by any physician shall be reported by the physician to the Animal Control Officer or Police Department. The report shall contain the name and address of the person bitten; the time and place where such person was bitten; and the name and address of the owner of the biting animal, if known; and any other pertinent information requested by the Animal Control Officer or Police Officer.
- (c) Violation. The violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be a misdemeanor according to the State of California Statutes, and the owner of and/or person responsible for such a dog shall be strictly liable for any injury or damage caused by such dog.
- (d) Mitigation. The following shall be considered in mitigating the penalties or damages or in dismissing the charge:
  - (1) The dog was properly confined on the premises;
  - (2) The dog was deliberately or maliciously provoked.
- (e) ***Penalties - In the event that the owner or caretaker fails to comply with the specifications of this ordinances which pertains to any attacking, vicious, dangerous or fierce animal which is not maintained on the owners property with an enclosure; or which is found to be outside of the dwelling of the owner or caretaker is guilty of a misdemeanor.***

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Coalinga, California, at a regular meeting held on August 5, 2021, and was passed and adopted by the City Council on this **19th day of August, 2021**, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**APPROVED:**

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Council Clerk