

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE No. 1860, SERIES 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Louisville, Colorado, to be held on October 2, 2023 at the hour of 6:00 p.m., at Louisville City Hall, 749 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado 80027 or in an electronic meeting, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the final passage and adoption of a proposed **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON PIT BULLS CONTAINED IN SECTION 6.12.160 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE.**

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SECTION 6.12.160 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the City of Louisville (the "City"), is a Colorado home rule municipal corporation duly organized and existing under laws of the State of Colorado and the City of Louisville Home Rule Charter (the "City Charter"); and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 1143, Series 1994, adopted on March 1, 1994, the City Council enacted regulations concerning pit bull dogs including a prohibition on the ownership, possession, keeping, exercising control over, maintaining, harboring, transporting, or sale of pit bull dogs within the City; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this broad prohibition on pit bull dogs, Section 6.12.020 of the Louisville Municipal Code prohibits any person from owning, keeping, harboring or possessing any vicious animal anywhere in the City, subject to certain defenses and exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the general prohibition of vicious animals contained in LMC § 6.12.020 is sufficient to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents, and that prohibiting any specific breed of dog is unnecessary and overly restrictive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Section 6.12.160 of the Louisville Municipal Code (Pit bulls prohibited) is hereby repealed.

Section 2. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part be declared invalid.

Section 3. The repeal or modification of any provision of the Municipal Code of the City of Louisville by this ordinance shall not release, extinguish, alter, modify, or change in whole or in part any penalty, forfeiture, or liability, either civil or criminal, which shall have been incurred under such provision, and each provision shall be treated and held as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any and all proper actions, suits, proceedings, and prosecutions for the enforcement of the penalty, forfeiture, or liability, as well as for the purpose of sustaining any judgment, decree, or order which can or may be rendered, entered, or made in such actions, suits, proceedings, or prosecutions.

Section 4. All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED ON FIRST READING, AND ORDERED
PUBLISHED** this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Dennis Maloney, Mayor

ATTEST:
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Kelly PC
City Attorney

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Dennis Maloney, Mayor

ATTEST:
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk