

INTRODUCED: October 8, 2018

AN ORDINANCE No. 2018-274

To amend and reordain City Code § 4-372, concerning reporting of bites, for the purpose of expanding the categories of persons responsible for reporting animal bites in the City of Richmond.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: NOV 13 2018 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That section 4-372 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, be and is hereby **amended** and reordained as follows:

Sec. 4-372. Report of bites.

(a) Every dog or cat bite of a person which occurs in the City shall be reported within 24 hours of occurrence to the Department. If occurring at night, on weekends or on holidays, the report may be made to the Department of Police.

(b) Such report shall include the following:

(1) The name and address of the person bitten:

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- (2) The name and address of the owner of the biting dog or cat, if known;
- (3) A reasonable description of the dog or cat;
- (4) The date and time of day of the injury and the address where it occurred;
- (5) The part of the body on which the bit was inflicted; and
- (6) If known, whether the biting dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies.

(c) The responsibility for reporting is mutually charged to attending physicians, veterinarians, the person bitten, to such person's parent or guardian if a minor, and to the owner of the dog or cat.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

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DATE: 8/26/18 EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor [Signature] 9/3/18

THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer [Signature]

THROUGH: Lenora Reid, DCAO for Finance & Administration [Signature]

THROUGH: Jay Brown, Director of Budget & Strategic Planning [Signature]

THROUGH: Robert Steidel, DCAO for Operations [Signature]

FROM: Christie Chipps Peters, Director Richmond Animal Care & Control [Signature]

RE: Updated Report of Bites

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PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to amend Sec. 4-372 to define the parties responsible for reporting animal bites in the City of Richmond.

REASON: Increasing the number of responsible parties required to report bites will help RACC Officers provide proper protocols for public safety.

RECOMMENDATION: The administration recommends adoption of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND: Current code requires the person bitten or parent or guardian on the child bitten to report the bite. The inclusion of physicians, veterinarians, and other persons who may have knowledge of the bite will allow RACC Officers to provide proper quarantine, confirmation of rabies exposure and dangerous dog regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: None at this time

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: None at this time

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: No

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: October 8, 2018

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: November 13, 2018

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Government Operations

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: N/A

AFFECTED AGENCIES: RACC

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: N/A

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Current code with mock up changes

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