

INTRODUCED: September 11, 2017

AN ORDINANCE No. 2017-173

To amend City Code § 4-243, concerning the restraint or confinement of dogs, for the purpose of making it unlawful for any dog to run at large and prescribing a penalty for any violation.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: OCT 9 2017 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That section 4-243 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby **amended** and reordained as follows:

Sec. 4-243. [~~Restraint or confinement of dogs~~] Dogs running at large prohibited; penalty.

~~[All dogs shall be kept under restraint or confined in an enclosure, except as otherwise provided in State Law.]~~ It shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large. For purposes of this section, a dog shall be deemed to run at large while roaming, running, or self-hunting off the property of its owner or custodian and not under its owner’s or custodian’s immediate control. “Immediate control,” for purposes of this section, means confinement of the dog by a fence, tether,

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ADOPTED: OCT 9 2017 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

or leash. Any person who permits such person's dog to run at large shall be deemed in violation of this section, and upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

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



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Chief Administrative Officer

O&R REQUEST

DATE: 7/9/17 EDITION: 1
TO: The Honorable Members of City Council
THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor
THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer
THROUGH: Bobby Vincent, Signing Authority for DCAO for Operations
FROM: Christie Chipps Peters, Director, Richmond Animal Care & Control
RE: Change to Sec. 4-243. -Restraint or confinement of dogs

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PURPOSE: To change current code Sec. 4-243-Restraint or confinement of dogs

REASON: Richmond Animal Care & Control desires to provide a more precise regulation for dogs running at large in the City of Richmond.

RECOMMENDATION: The administration recommends adoption of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND: Outline of proposed ordinance change:

Sec. 4-243. - Restraint or confinement of dogs. Dogs running at large prohibited.

All dogs shall be kept under restraint or confined in an enclosure, except as otherwise provided in State law.

It shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large in the City of Richmond. For the purpose of this section, a dog shall be deemed to be running at large while roaming or running off the property of its owner or custodian and not under immediate physical control. Physical control shall mean confinement of the animal by a fence, tether or leash.

Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this article, upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: N/A

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: N/A

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: July 24, 2017

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: September 11, 2017

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Government Operations

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: N/A

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Animal Care & Control

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

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

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

STAFF: Christie Chipps Peters, Animal Care & Control