

ORDINANCE NO. 883

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PIT BULL BREEDS OF DOGS  
WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Nashville, Arkansas recognizes that the City has a great number of domesticated dogs identified as "pit bulls" within the various neighborhoods in the City and that citizens and visitors must interact with such animals at times;

**WHEREAS**, the unrestricted presence of "pit bulls" within the City of Nashville, Arkansas, poses a significant risk of injury to the citizens due to the aggressive nature of the breed and the threat of attack.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS, that:**

**Section 1.** It shall be unlawful for any person to keep within the city of Nashville, Arkansas, any breed of dog identified as "Pit Bull" as defined below.

**Section 2. Definitions:** Banned breed of pit bull dogs are any of the following:

- a. American Pit Bull Terrier;
- b. Staffordshire Bull Terrier;
- c. American Staffordshire Terrier;
- d. American Bull Dog;
- e. Any dog whose owner registers, defines, admits or otherwise identifies the dog as being of a banned breed;
- f. Any dog conforming or substantially conforming to the breed of American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Bull Dog as defined by the United States Kennel Club or American Kennel Club;
- g. Any dog which is of the breed commonly referred to as "pit bull" and commonly recognizable and identifiable as such.

**Section 3. Exceptions.** It shall not be unlawful for a person to travel through the city of Nashville with a Pit Bull Breed provided that the dog is kept confined in a secure temporary enclosing during transport. It shall not be unlawful for a veterinarian to temporarily board a Pit Bull Breed dog for which he/she is providing care and treatment.

**Section 4. American Kennel Club Standards.** For any breed which is banned by section 1, a copy of the standards of the American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club shall be kept on file in the City Clerk's office; and such standards shall be incorporated by