

ORDINANCE 2023 – 06 - 01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, AMENDING CHAPTER 10, “ANIMALS,” ARTICLE III, “RABIES CONTROL”, SECTION 10-56 OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 10-56(B), TITLED “ADOPTION OF STATE RABIES CONTROL ACT; ADMINISTRATION OF ARTICLE” TO DESIGNATE SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION OF THE LOCAL RABIES AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR HIS DESIGNEE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the supervision and direction of Animal Control was moved from the Community Development Department to the Police Department at the City of Commerce some years ago; and

WHEREAS, the update of the language of this Ordinance more accurately reflects the structure and organization of the City as it stands currently; and

WHEREAS, a licensed animal control officer operating under the supervision of the Chief of Police and/or his designee is more appropriately reflected within the confines of the Department of Public Safety where Animal Control currently operates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it appropriate and in the interest of public health, safety and welfare, to adopt this ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City to place the Local Rabies Control Authority under the supervision of the City’s Department of Public Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. The Code of Ordinance for the City of Commerce is hereby amended to include the following changes, notated in red:

Chapter 10, “Animals”, Article III, “Rabies Control” Section 10-56 (B), “Adoption of State Rabies Control Act; Administration of Article” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Commerce is hereby amended to be and read as follows with all other sections and subsections not expressly amended hereto to remain in full force and effect:

(b) The Chief of Police or his designee shall be designated as the Local Rabies Control Authority for the purpose of administering the statute adopted by subsection (a).

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, word, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is declared to be invalid it shall not affect the validity of this ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the **FIRST READING** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Commerce, Texas on this the 16th day of May 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the **SECOND READING** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Commerce, Texas on this the 20th day of June 2023.

ATTEST:

CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS


Molly Jacobsen, City Secretary


Teddy Reel, Mayor

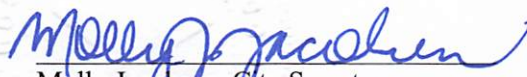
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Charles Anderson, City Attorney

I, Molly Jacobsen, City Secretary of the City of Commerce, Texas, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance, and that the same has not been repealed and is in full force and effect.

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Molly Jacobsen, City Secretary
City of Commerce, Texas