

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-003**

**REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 0100; ADOPTING A NEW ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO PERMIT OR ALLOW DOGS TO RUN AT LARGE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TODD MISSION, TEXAS, PROVIDING THAT THE PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IS A FINE IN AN AMOUNT OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.00; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TODD MISSION, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** That Ordinance No. 0100 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**Section 2.** That the City of Todd Mission, Texas hereby adopts the following ordinance, which states as follows:

**Dogs Running at Large**

**Section \_\_\_\_.** **Dogs Running at Large Prohibited.** A person commits an offence if he allows or permits a dog owned by him, or under his care and control, to run at large on any highway, roadway, alley, square, park, sidewalk or any property within the city limits of the city of Todd Mission, where such property does not belong to the person owning the dog or otherwise in control of the dog . “Run at Large” means whenever an animal is not under actual physical restraint by means of a pen, fence or other structure, or a leash, rope, halter or other lead.

**A. Capture and Redemption.** It shall be the duty of every police officer to apprehend or capture any dog found running at large. If the dog bears a

tag, micro-ship, or other evidence of ownership, reasonable efforts will be made to notify the owner and/or return such dog to the owner.

**B. Disposition of Unclaimed Dog.** Any dog whose ownership is unknown or that is not redeemed by the owner within 48 hours after notification of capture, shall be and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The city reserves the right to offer for adoption, transfer to a shelter or humane organization any dog captured under this Section that is unclaimed or unredeemed.

**Section 3.** That a violation of this Ordinance shall be a Class C misdemeanor and the penalty for violating this Ordinance shall be a maximum fine of \$500.00, and each day a violation exists shall be a separate offense.

**Section 4.** That if any provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of such Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect the same as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision had never been a part hereof.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

APPROVED:

George Coulam  
George Coulam, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Lunsford  
Julie Lunsford, City Secretary