

# State of Louisiana

## Parish of Grant In the Name and By the Authority of The Police Jury of Grant Parish

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Tom Hamilton  
and carried to adopt the following Ordinance:

### ORDINANCE 01-2015 Grant Parish Leash and Animal Protection Ordinance

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Grant Parish, it is necessary to adopt a Grant Parish Leash and Animal Protection Ordinance.

Be it enacted by the Grant Parish Police Jury that:

**1. Control Zone:**

- a. All of the unincorporated areas of Grant Parish (private and public) are hereby declared to be a dog control zone.

Dogs off premises to be under control: it shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to cause, permit or allow his/her dog to run, stray or otherwise be away from the premises of the owner or keeper when said dog is creating within a dog control zone without the permission of the owner or legal custodian of the property unless such dog be under control by means of a leash.

**2. Exceptions:** The under control sections shall not apply to animals while engaging in the following activities directly supervised by the owner or keeper as to keep it from being a nuisance or danger to people or domestic animals.

- a. Sanctioned search and rescue missions operated by or through authority of the sheriff's office or any law enforcement agency.  
b. Lawful herding of animals.  
c. Lawful competition sanctioned by a nationally recognized organization or local chapter thereof.  
d. Lawful hunting activities  
e. Lawful training in preparation for such herding, hunting or competition activities.  
f. Dog obedience training with the owner or keeper in attendance.

**3. Penalty:** any person violating any provision of this article shall be subject to having his/her dog impounded by the animal control agency with fines and penalties accrued as delineated.

**4. Nuisances- Infractions**

- a. *Violations:* Violation of any of the following requirements or standards constitutes a nuisance and shall be infraction.
- i. The owner or keeper of any dog shall not allow it to be at large and not under control wherein such animal creates a nuisance factor to public and private property and/or the welfare of others. All female dogs, while in season, shall be confined in a clean, dry place not accessible to male dogs and kept there during the entire heat season (three (3) weeks), except for the purpose of planned breeding and with the knowledge of the owner of the male dog.
- ii. No owner or keeper of any dog shall allow it to bark continuously for more than a reasonable amount of time. For the purpose of this article thirty (30) minutes or longer shall be considered unreasonable.
- iii. No person, other than the owner, keeper or authorized person is permitted to release any animal from confinement.

- b. *Penalty:* Any person violating any provision of this article shall be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for a term of no more than thirty (30) days or by the performance of community service of not more than forty (40) hours if directed by the court, or any combination of same if directed by the court.

**5 Unlawful ownership of dangerous dog (R.S. 14:102.14)**

- a. It is unlawful for any person to own a dangerous dog without properly restraining or confining the dog.
- b. Any individual who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00). On a second or subsequent offense, any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

**6 Unlawful ownership of a vicious dog (R.S. 14:102.15)**

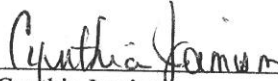
- a. It is unlawful for any person to own a vicious dog.
- b. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00). On a second or subsequent offense, any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).


**7 Care for Dogs**

- a. All dogs must have yearly rabies shot and have the tag attached to their collar along with owner's identification and contact information. Otherwise the dog will be treated as a stray and subject to being impounded and the owner fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00) on the first offense and on the second or subsequent offense not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved, this ordinance was adopted and declared effective immediately on this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

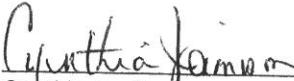
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Cynthia Jamison  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury

  
Arnold Murrell  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Cynthia Jamison, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify the forgoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the said Police Jury in a regular session on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, at which a quorum was present.

  
Cynthia Jamison  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury