

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION FOR LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES GOVERNING DANGEROUS DOGS.

WHEREAS, Texas provides by statutory restriction the local regulations of breed specific restrictions on dangerous dogs; and

WHEREAS, many communities have attempted to regulate specific breeds of dogs; and

WHEREAS, certain dogs are bred for fighting and/or aggressive behavior; and

WHEREAS, there has been statistical information collected concerning aggressive and dangerous breeds of dogs; and

WHEREAS, the general health, safety and welfare of local citizens, especially children, have been subjected to unprovoked attacks by dogs and specifically dogs that have been bred for fighting and/or aggressive behavior; and

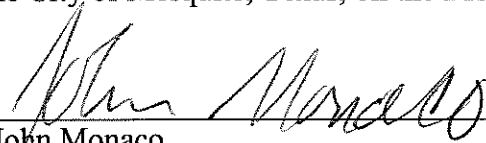
WHEREAS, the Texas legislature has a duty to protect the general health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Supreme Court has made a determination under the laws of the State of Colorado that breed specific regulations are appropriate in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the citizens of Mesquite, Texas, support the introduction, passage and implementation of state legislation at the 81st Texas Legislative Session which would permit local regulations to prohibit the ownership, possession, harboring, maintenance, transportation or sale of breed specific dogs within the local municipality and/or support the repeal of legislation which prohibits breed specific regulations by home-rule municipalities and local municipalities.

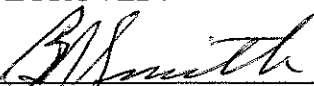
DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 21st day of July, 2008.

  
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John Monaco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judy Womack  
City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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B. J. Smith  
City Attorney