

ORDINANCE NO. 2018- 59

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 90-112, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 220, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, ENTITLED ANIMAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Ordinance 90-112, as amended by Ordinance 92-83 setting forth the requirements of physicians, parents or guardians and adults who have suffered a bite or scratch from a dog, cat or other animal to report the same; and

WHEREAS, Robert Dickinson, the City of Vineland Health Officer, has recommended that said Ordinance be amended to require better information be reported to physicians and police so as to better protect the public from animals who may be vicious and/or sick.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that Chapter 220, Article I of the Code of the City of Vineland be amended as follows:

Section 224-27 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

**224-27 Physicians' Reports.**

Every physician shall, within 12 hours after his/her first professional attendance upon any person bitten or scratched by a dog, cat or other animal, report to the Vineland Police Department or the Vineland Department of Health, the name, age, sex and address of the person bitten or scratched and the name, age sex color and location of the biting animal and the name and address of the animal owner, if known.

Section 224-28 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

**Section 224-28 Parent's or guardian's report of bitten or scratched child.**

The parent or guardian of a child bitten or scratched by a dog, cat or other animal, when no physician attends such child, shall, within 12 hours after first having knowledge that the child was so bitten or scratched, report to the Vineland Police Department or Vineland Department of Health the name, age, sex and address of the person so bitten or scratched, and the name, age, sex, color and location of the biting animal, and the name and address of the animal owner, if known.

Section 224-29 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

**Section 224-29 Report of bitten or scratched adult.**

- A. If an adult is bitten or scratched by a dog, cat or other animal and no physician attends him/her, or if he/she is incapacitated, the person caring for him/her shall report to the Vineland Police Department or the Vineland Department of Health the name, age, sex and address of the person bitten or scratched and the name, age, sex color, and location of the biting animal, and the name and address of the animal owner, if known.
- B. The report shall be made within 12 hours after the adult was so bitten or scratched or, if he/she is incapacitated, the report shall be made within 12 hours after the person so caring for him/her shall first have knowledge that the adult was so bitten or scratched.

CITY OF VINELAND

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City Clerk