

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to Revise and Enhance the Definitions and Requirements for the Restraint of Domesticated Dogs within Public Spaces in Chapter 5 of the Baker Springs Municipal Code

ORDINANCE NO: O-31-2020

REQUESTED BY:

PREPARED BY:

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WHEREAS, Chapter 5 of the Baker Springs municipal code deals with the keeping of domesticated animals by residents, specifying that dogs must be properly restrained in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the current definition of properly restrained is “adequately controlled by an able-bodied individual via leash or chain,” exempting therapy animals and seeing-eye dogs; and

WHEREAS, multiple local reports indicate that domesticated dogs have broken free from retractable leashes, which may not be properly rated for dogs of certain breeds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update the definition of properly restrained to enhance public safety and animal control measures; and

WHEREAS, the new definition shall be “adequately controlled by an able-bodied individual via non-retractable leash or chain,” excluding retractable leashes from this definition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAKER SPRINGS, TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1: There is hereby amended Chapter 5 of the Baker Springs municipal code to redefine properly restrained to mean “adequately controlled by an able-bodied individual via non-retractable leash or chain.” Retractable leashes will no longer satisfy the definition for properly restrained.

SECTION 2: An emergency is declared to exist in that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety that this Ordinance take effect immediately upon its passage.

Signatures:

Presiding Officer of the Council

City Recorder