

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 752, AN ORDINANCE OF
THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK AMENDING EXISTING CHAPTERS 6.02 "GENERAL PROVISIONS," 6.04
"ANIMAL REGULATION," 6.08 "ANIMAL IMPOUNDMENT," AND 6.10 "HEARINGS BY SHELTER
SUPERVISOR," OF TITLE 6, "ANIMAL REGULATION AND PROTECTION," OF THE ROHNERT PARK
MUNICIPAL CODE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933 (c), the following constitutes a summary of Ordinance No. 752 introduced by the Rohnert Park City Council on January 24, 2006 and adopted on February 14, 2006 at its meeting held in the City Council Chambers, 6750 Commerce Blvd., Rohnert Park, California.

The purpose of Ordinance No. 752 is to accomplish the following: (1) revise the definitions of "potentially dangerous animal" and "dangerous animal;" (2) include a definition of "pit bull" for purposes of the City's new dog breed-specific mandatory sterilization provisions; (3) empower the animal control officer, hearing officer, and shelter supervisor to effectively deal with "potentially dangerous" and "dangerous" animals; (4) clarify the procedures for determining, and the consequences of possessing, "potentially dangerous" and "dangerous" animals; (5) prohibit residents from owning any pit bull within City limits that has not been sterilized; (6) clarify the procedures for humanely euthanizing impounded animals; and (7) clarify both hearing and appeal procedures for those wishing to challenge various charges and determinations.

This Ordinance amends the current Animal Regulation and Protection statute found in Title 6 of the City's Municipal Code. In general, these changes aim to accomplish the following: (1) revise the definition of "potentially dangerous animal" and "dangerous animal;" (2) add a definition of "pit bull" for the City's new dog breed-specific mandatory sterilization statute; (3) empower both animal control officers and the shelter supervisor to effectively deal with "potentially dangerous" and "dangerous" animals; (4) clarify the procedures and consequences for "potentially dangerous" and "dangerous" animal determinations; (5) prohibit residents from owning any pit bull within City limits that has not been spayed or neutered; (6) clarify the procedures for humanely euthanizing impounded animals, including animals that have been deemed "dangerous;" and (7) clarify both hearing and appeal procedures for those wishing to challenge various designations and determinations.

A certified copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted and available for review in the City Clerk's Office at 6750 Commerce Boulevard, Rohnert Park, California.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effective thirty (30) days after its adoption, and published and posted as required by law.

This ordinance was introduced by the Council of the City of Rohnert Park on the 24th of January, 2006, and adopted on the 14th of February, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:	Five	(5)	Council Members Breeze, Flores, Mackenzie, Vidak-Martinez and Mayor Smith
NOES:	None	(0)	
ABSENT:	None	(0)	
ABSTAIN:	None	(0)	

CITY OF ROHNERT PARK

/s/Mayor Tim Smith

ATTEST:

/s/ Deputy City Clerk Carol Mendenhall

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/Assistant City Attorney Gabrielle P. Whelan

