

*Suggested Language from ASO
City Code Section 3-1-1 (20*

UNPROVOKED BITING means biting that is not provoked. Biting is unprovoked if, among other things, it occurs during ordinary care, including feeding and placing a collar, leash, or harness on a dog, or from merely initiating interaction with a dog, or standing and facing the dog, walking towards a dog or its owner or addressing the dog's owner. Biting is provoked if, among other things, it occurs because the dog was being taunted, or the dog was acting in defense of self, a person, another animal, or property, or the dog was acting from maternal instinct, or the dog was reacting to hunger, pain, or fear, or the dog bites accidentally, as when playing. To be provoked a biting must occur contemporaneously with or immediately following the provocation.