

**ORDINANCE NO. 20201112-002**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1-1 OF TITLE 3 (*ANIMAL REGULATION*) OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF UNPROVOKED BITING; ADDING A DEFINITION FOR PROVOKED BITING; AND RENUMBERING THE REMAINING DEFINITIONS ACCORDINGLY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** City Code Section 3-1-1 (*Definitions*) is amended to add a new definition for “provoked biting”, amend the definition of “unprovoked biting”, and renumber the remaining definitions accordingly:

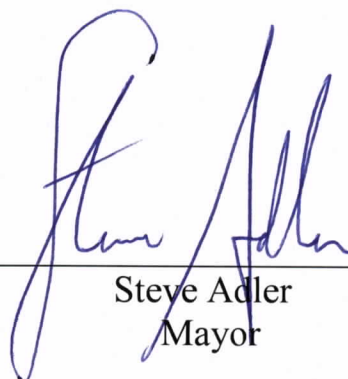
- (14) PROVOKED BITING means biting that occurs because the dog was being taunted, or the dog was acting in defense of self, a person, another animal, or property, or the dog was acting from maternal instinct, or the dog was reacting to hunger, pain, or fear, or the dog bites accidentally, as when playing. To be provoked a biting must occur contemporaneously with or immediately following the provocation.
  
- (21) UNPROVOKED BITING means biting that is not provoked. Unprovoked biting includes biting that occurs during ordinary care, including feeding, walking, 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 toward 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.]

**PART 2.** This ordinance takes effect on November 23, 2020.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

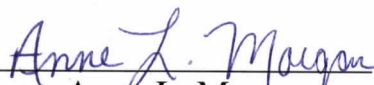
November 12, 2020

§  
§  
§



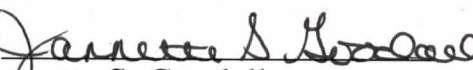
Steve Adler  
Mayor

**APPROVED:**



Anne L. Morgan *by*  
City Attorney *Thomas*

**ATTEST:**



Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk