

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO AMEND SECTION 822.047 OF THE TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE RELATING TO BREED SPECIFIC REGULATIONS OF DOGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, certain breeds of dogs are involved in statistically higher numbers of serious biting incidents involving both humans and animals; and

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 822.047, TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, prohibits a local regulation of dangerous dogs that is specific to one breed or several breeds of dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, certain breeds of dog, as shown by patterns of serious biting incidents, need to be more tightly controlled than other breeds without necessarily banning the possession of those breeds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS:**

**Section 1**

That the City Council hereby urges the Texas Legislature to adopt legislation amending Sec. 822.047, TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, to allow for the breed specific regulation of dog breeds that have been proven statistically to be in need of a greater degree of control and training suitable to that breed, but prohibiting an outright ban of those breeds. In adopting that legislation, the City Council urges the Texas Legislature to prevent misconstruction by requiring municipalities adopting regulations of specific breeds to enact only the minimum regulation necessary to accomplish a legitimate municipal purpose for regulating those breeds. The City Council also urges the Texas Legislature to clearly define the term "legitimate municipal purposes" in this context as limited to public health, public safety, and animal welfare.

**Section 2**

That this Resolution shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its adoption and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

**CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS**

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Secretary