

ORDINANCE NO. 651

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 649  
REGULATING VICIOUS DOGS**

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2004 the City of Las Animas adopted and approved Ordinance No. 649, entitled "An Ordinance Regulating Vicious Dogs;" and

**WHEREAS**, since the date of adoption of Ordinance No. 649, the Colorado legislature has amended C.R.S. 18-9-204.5, which specifically prohibits a municipality from adopting any rule or law regulating dangerous dogs in a manner that is specific to breed; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 649 contains a definition of vicious dog which is specific to breed, contrary to the provisions of newly amended C.R.S. 18-9-205;

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists which may affect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Las Animas if there is an unlawful definition of "vicious dog" contained in the Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, by this Emergency Ordinance the City of Las Animas is amending Ordinance No. 649 in order to delete any references or definitions of vicious dogs in a manner that is specific to breed.

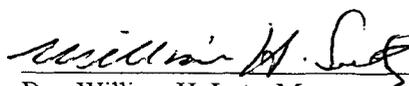
**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Section 5-51 of the Municipal Code is amended as follows: That part of the definition of "Vicious Dog" contained in sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph (2) insofar as the subsection is specific to breed, is deleted in its entirety.

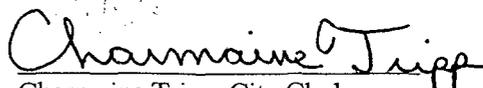
2. In all other respects, Ordinance No. 649 is reaffirmed and shall remain in full force and effect.

READ, EXECUTED AND PASSED as an emergency ordinance on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO

  
By: William H. Lutz, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Charmaine Tripp, City Clerk