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LANETT — The mayor and city council voted unanimously to strengthen the city's vicious dog ordinance by deleting the current ordinance in its entirety and replacing it with a new one at Monday's regular meeting.

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shall be unlawful for anyone to keep, harbor, own or in any way possess within the corporate city limits of the city: any pit bull dog or presa canario dog, provided that pit bull dogs or presa canario owned within the city on the effective date of this ordinance may be kept within the city subject to the standards and requirements set forth in this ordinance.

The ordinance defines a pit bull dog to be the bull terrier breed of dog, the Staffordshire bull terrier breed of dog, the the American pit bull terrier breed of dog, the American Staffordshire terrier breed of dog or any dog which has the appearance and characteristics of being predominantly of these breeds or a combination of any of those breeds according to the standards established by the American

attached to the side of these dogs may be on a porch, patio or area of a house or structure which would allow the dog to enter such building on its own. No such animal shall be kept in a house or structure when the windows are open or when screen windows or screen doors are present which are an obstacle preventing the dog from exiting the structure.

Owners of the dogs must display a sign in a prominent place on the property with the words "Beware of Dog" within 10 days of the effective date of this ordinance. A similar sign is also required to be posted on the kennel or pen of the animal.

All owners, keepers or harborers of a registered dog of this type must provide proof to the city clerk of public liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000.