

Pit Bulls and Vicious Dogs

No pit bulls dog or vicious dog (as deemed by the Hazen Animal Control Officer) may be kept within the corporate limits of Hazen unless the animal was registered prior to October 2015 which is the effective date of the ordinance.

A pit bull is defined to mean:

- a. The Staffordshire bull terrier breed of dog
- b. The American pit bull terrier breed of dog
- c. The American Staffordshire terrier breed of dog
- d. Any dog which has the appearance and characteristics of being predominantly of the breeds listed above or a combination of any of these breeds
- e. Any dog deemed vicious by the Hazen Animal Control Officer

Leash and Muzzle. No person shall permit a registered pit bull dog to go outside its kennel or pen unless the dog is securely leashed with a leash no longer than 4 ft in length. Pit bull dogs cannot be kept on a chain, rope or other type of leash outside its kennel or pen unless a person is in physical control of the leash. They must also be muzzled by a muzzling device sufficient to prevent such dog from biting persons or other animals. Confinement- All registered pit bull dogs shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or kennel, except when leashed and muzzled. Such pen or structure must have secure sides and a secure top attached to the sides. Signs- All owners of registered pit bull dogs within the city have to display in a prominent place on their premises a sign easily readable by the public using the words "BEWARE OF DOG". Insurance- All owners of registered bill bulls must provide proof to the City Recorder/Treasurer of public liability insurance in a single incident amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for bodily injury to or death of any person or persons or for damage to property owned by any persons which may result from the ownership, keeping or maintenance of such animal Identification photographs – All owners or keepers of registered pit bull dogs must provide to the City Recorder/Treasurer two (2) color photographs of the registered animal clearly showing the color and approximate size of the dog. Animals born of registered dogs- All offspring born of pit bull dogs registered with the city must be removed from the city within six (6) weeks of the birth of such animal. Failure to comply – Any dog found to be the subject of a violation of this ordinance shall be subject to immediate seizure and impoundment. In addition, failure to comply will result in the revocation of the license of such animal resulting in the immediate removal of the animal from the city. Violations and penalties- If the registered dog violates any requirement of this ordinance, they will be given a written violation which will go into their file. Upon a second violation of any requirement to keep pit bulls, the dog in question will be immediately banned from the City of Hazen after conviction in District Court and cannot come back into the City limits. Furthermore, if a citizen brings a new pit bull into the city limits of Hazen after passage of this ordinance, he/she will be issued a ticket. Upon being found guilty of any violation of this ordinance in District Court, the fine will be \$500.00.