

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE  
CODE OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi have adopted a Code for the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 of said Code, as amended deals with the regulation of animals, both domestic and wild, located within the limits of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have determined that it would be appropriate to amend the language in certain of those sections found in Chapter 14, deleting certain portions and amending definitions and reorganizing the Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen having considered proposed changes and the comments that have been made and have determined that the following amendments are proper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi as follows:

**SECTION 1**

That all of Chapter 14-ANIMALS, as found in the Code of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, is hereby deleted.

**SECTION 2**

That Chapter 14-ANIMALS of the Code of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi shall hereinafter read as follow:

**Chapter 14-ANIMALS**

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Sec. 14-1. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Animal* means a live, vertebrate creature, domestic or wild.

*Animal control officer* means a person designated by the city as a law enforcement officer or the animal control officer, who is qualified to perform such duties under the state law.