AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTS CONSTITUTING PUBLIC NUISANCE; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, has determined that it is in the best interests of the health, welfare and safety of the people of the City of Mexico Beach that this ordinance be enacted, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA:

Section 1. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to define as a public nuisance the act, failing to act, or the maintenance of certain acts and conditions as set forth hereafter, the doing, failing to do, or maintenance thereof, which shall be deemed prima facie evidence of being injurious to the public health, safety and welfare, and in violation of this Ordinance.

## Section 2.

- (A) Any dog or other animal within the city limits, regardless of whether confined or not confined, which shall be barking, biting or howling or in any other way or manner disturbing the quiet of any person or persons whomsoever, or which may conduct himself on private premises as to cause harm thereto or annoyance to the owner thereof, or any dog or other animal with a communicable or contagious disease, if untreated or not responding to treatment, or any dog or dogs, or any other animal confined or not confined, which cause an unreasonable or offensive odor which can be detected off the premises of the owner or keeper, or any dog or dogs, or any other animal, confined or not confined, kept in such a manner as to cause a breeding place for flies, lice or other vermin, or a breeding place for any disease, is hereby declared to be a nuisance.
- (B) Such nuisance may be abated in the following manner: Any two (2) citizens of the city may make written complaint to the Police Department setting forth their reasons and basis for maintaining that such a nuisance exists whereupon the Police Department shall investigate such a complaint, and if being satisfied that such a nuisance does in fact exist, the Police Department shall give notice to the owner or keeper of such dog or dogs or other animals and the owner and/or keeper of such dog or dogs or other animals shall within three (3) days cause such nuisance to cease by causing such dog or dogs or other animals to be destroyed or removed or by causing such dog or dogs or other animals to be treated or confined or by causing such pen or enclosure in which the animal or dogs or other animal is confined to be put in a sanitary and healthful condition, or by causing any other necessary thing to be done so that such nuisance shall no longer exist.

Section 3. Violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by imprisonment of a period not to exceed sixty (60) days or a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or both.

 $\underline{\text{Section 4.}}$  All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council on May 13, 1986, and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on June 10,

CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA

James T. Heathcock Mayor-Councilman

ATTEST:

Gatricia L Hutchinson City Clerk