

# The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation

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## AN ORDINANCE

NO: 2-08

MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO OWN, POSSESS, KEEP, EXERCISE CONTROL OVER, MAINTAIN, HARBOR, TRANSPORT, OR SELL WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN RESERVATION ANY DANGEROUS DOG.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to their inherent sovereignty and Constitution and By-Laws of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, the Chippewa Cree Business Committee is charged with the duty to promote and protect the health, security, and general welfare of the Chippewa Cree Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chippewa Cree Business Committee recognizes the importance to prevent highly aggressive dogs from attacking a human being, thus causing sever bodily injury or fatality. This Ordinance is being adopted to provide protection to all members of the Chippewa Cree Tribe; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chippewa Cree Business Committee enacts this Tribal Ordinance as an addendum to the Chippewa Cree Tribal Law & Order Code.

### Dangerous Dogs Prohibited.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, keep, exercise control over, maintain, harbor, transport, or sell within the exterior boundaries of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation any dangerous dog.
- (b) Definitions
  1. An "Owner," for purposes of this chapter, is defined as any person who owns, possesses, keeps, exercises control over, maintains, harbors, transports or sells an animal.
  2. A "Dangerous Dog," for purposes of this chapter, is defined as any dog that is an American Pit Pull, Akitas, or Rottweiler, or any dog displaying physical traits and characteristics of anyone (1) or more of the above breeds.

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- (c) The owner has forty-five (45) days from the date of publication of the ordinance to permanently remove the dangerous dog from the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation and provide sufficient evidence of such removal.

If owner fails to permanently remove the dangerous dog within the forty-five (45) day period, the dangerous dog becomes the property of the Chippewa Cree Tribe. The Rocky Boy Police Department is then authorized to immediately impound the dangerous dog, and dispose of such dangerous dog in such manner, as the Rocky Boy Police Department may deem appropriate. The owner will be liable for all expenses associated with the disposal of such dangerous dog.

- (d) The procedures in this subsection (c) shall not apply and the owner is not entitled to a forty-five (45) day removal period with respect to any dangerous dog, which was impounded as the immediate result of an attack or bite. In those instances, the dangerous dog shall be subject to immediate impoundment and disposal.

- (e) The owners are strictly liable for all costs associated with any damage or injury, which may be caused by a dangerous dog.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee hereby directs the Chippewa Cree Tribal Police and the Tribal Court to enforce this Ordinance.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Business Committee of the Chippewa Cree Tribe certify that the Business Committee is composed of nine (9) members of whom Eight (8) members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2008, and the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of Seven (7) members for and Two (0) members against, and that the Ordinance has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

John C. Heerde  
Chairman, Business Committee

Janice Myers  
Secretary/Treasurer, Business Committee