

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2018
6:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Councilmen of the Town of Jean Lafitte met in a Regular Meeting with the following members present: Mayor Kerner, Councilman Bartholomew, Councilman Creppel, Councilman Guillie, Councilman LeBeau and Councilman Smith. Mayor Kerner presided calling the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. asking everyone to rise and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

On a motion by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman LeBeau the following was offered:

A motion to accept minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2018.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION #2069

On a motion by Councilman Guillie and seconded by Councilman LeBeau the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution declaring April 2018 as Fair Housing Month.

WHEREAS, the strength of our nation flows from the promise of individual equality and freedom of choice; and

WHEREAS, the 50th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans - individually and collectively- to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists. This law guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of freedom of choice-selection of the home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana; and implementation of that law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all:

or commit any act which under any other law constitutes cruel treatment, or fail to provide obviously necessary veterinary care.

No animal shall be tethered as a means of stationary confinement; such stationary confinement by tethering shall be considered as cruel treatment.

Any person or entity, including the owner, harbinger, keeper of the animal, and/or property owner where animal is housed permanently or temporarily commits any of the following shall be guilty of simple cruelty to animals:

- (1) Overdrives, overloads, drives when overloaded, or overworks any living animal.
- (2) Having charge, custody, or possession of any animal, fails to provide proper food, water, shelter, sanitary and safe environment, or veterinary care. (See definitions of proper food, water, shelter, sanitary and safe environment, and veterinary care in section 7-16 of this chapter.
- (3) Having charge, custody, or possession of any dog, cat, or other small pet fails to bring the animal inside the confines of the home or provide proper shelter which also includes insulation such as blanket, hay, newspaper when temperatures reach or fall below thirty-two (32) degrees Fahrenheit.
- (4) Carries or causes to be carried, a living animal in or upon a vehicle or otherwise, in a cruel or inhumane, or dangerous manner which includes but is not limited to carrying an animal in an open pickup truck without it being secured from both sides of the bed in an animal carrier appropriate for the size of the animal, carrying an animal on a flatbed vehicle, or allowing an animal to sit, stand, or walk on any equipment or toolbox inside the bed of the vehicle. Tethering is not an acceptable method of transferring an animal in an open truck, trailer or other similar vehicle or mode of transportation.

On a motion by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman LeBeau the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Town Clerk