

1 ***“Department” shall mean and include those individuals that report to the Animal Control***

2 ***Director;***

3 “Official police dog” means any canine trained for law enforcement purposes and used
4 by the Police Department for such purpose, and so designated by the Police Chief by the
5 issuance of distinguishing tags;

6 “Official police horse” means any equine used by a police officer for law enforcement
7 purposes;

8 “Owner” means any person, firm or corporation having title to any animal, or a person
9 who has, harbors, or keeps, or who causes or permits to be harbored or kept, an animal in his
10 care, or who permits an animal to remain on or about his premises for a period of seven
11 consecutive days;

12 ~~“Sentry dog” means a dog trained or purported to be trained to work without supervision
13 in a fenced facility and to deter or detain unauthorized persons found within the facility;~~

14 “Vicious dog” means any dog which constitutes a physical threat to a human being or
15 any other domestic animal by virtue of a known propensity to endanger life by an unprovoked
16 assault or bite so as to cause serious bodily harm. Any dog trained, primarily or in part, to attack or
17 fight shall constitute prima facie evidence that the dog has a known propensity to endanger life. A
18 dog shall not be deemed vicious if it: (1) attacks, bites or menaces anyone assaulting the owner of
19 such dog, a trespasser on the property of the owner, or any person or other animal who has
20 tormented or abused it; (2) is otherwise acting in defense of an attack from a person or other animal
21 upon the owner or other person; or (3) is protecting or defending its young or other animal. A dog
22 shall not be deemed vicious if it is an official police dog or a “protection dog” as defined by Section
23 7521(f) of the Business and Professions Code if registered as required by Section 7550.2 of said
24 Business and Professions Code.

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