**CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 § IN THE JUSTICE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF §

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(Alleged Owner of Dog) §

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 § \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER AFTER HEARING CONCERNING ALLEGED “DANGEROUS DOG”**

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, the court heard this case. Having heard all evidence and considered all pleadings on file, the court **FINDS** that the dog described as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Is not a “dangerous dog,” as that term is defined by Health and Safety Code § 822.041(2). It is therefore **ORDERED** that if the dog was delivered to or seized by the animal control authority for the 🞏 City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 🞏 County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Texas, the dog be released to its owner or any other person authorized to take possession of the dog.
* Is a “dangerous dog,” as that term is defined by Health and Safety Code § 822.041(2). By this order, the owner of the dog, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is hereby advised that they are the owner of a “dangerous dog” and is therefore **ORDERED** to comply with the following requirements for owners of “dangerous dogs” with regard to the dog described above:
	+ Register the dog annually with the animal control authority for the area in which the dog is kept and follow all requirements of Health and Safety Code § 822.043.
	+ Restrain the dog at all times on a leash in the immediate control of a person or in a secure enclosure as defined by Health and Safety Code § 822.041(4).
	+ Obtain and maintain liability insurance coverage or show financial responsibility (at least $100,000) to cover damages resulting from an attack by the dog causing bodily injury to a person; and provide proof of the coverage or financial responsibility to the animal control authority for the area in which the dog is kept.
	+ Comply with any applicable municipal or county regulation, requirement, or restriction on dangerous dogs.

It is further **ORDERED** that *(if the dog was found to be a dangerous dog, choose one):*

* If the dog was delivered to or seized by the animal control authority for the 🞏 City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 🞏 County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Texas, the dog be released to its owner or any other person authorized to take possession of the dog. The owner of the dog, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, must comply with the above requirements not later than the 30th day after the date of this order. If the owner does not comply by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, the owner shall deliver the dog to the animal control authority, or a warrant for the seizure of the dog shall be issued. The owner shall pay any cost or fee assessed related to the seizure, acceptance, impoundment, or destruction of the dog.
* ***(****only an option if a report of the potential dangerous dog was made directly to the justice court****)*** The animal control authority for the 🞏 City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 🞏 County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Texas shall continue to impound the dog described above until further order of this court upon determination of owner’s compliance with the above requirements.

**ISSUED AND SIGNED** on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_**.**

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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