

DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION

Owner of the dog:	Address:	
Date of this Notice:	Case Number:	Violation:
		Violation Date:
<p>YOUR DOG, A _____, NAMED _____, IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE A DANGEROUS DOG FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON(S);</p>		

DANGEROUS DOG MEANS:

1. Has inflicted severe injury on a human being without provocation on public or private property,
2. Has killed a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner's property, or
3. Has been previously found to be potentially dangerous, the owner having received notice of such and the dog again aggressively bites, attacks, or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals.

As the owner of such a dog you are required to comply with the provisions for keeping a **dangerous dog**, and must complete the below listed requirements and notify the Mill Creek Animal Control Authority by

1. You need to apply with the City of Mill Creek Code Enforcement Officer for a "Certificate of Registration" after all the below requirements have been accomplished.
2. Have a proper enclosure on your property where the dog shall be securely confined or enclosed in a locked pen or structure, suitable to prevent entry of young children and designed to prevent the animal from escaping. Such pen or structure shall have secure sides and a secure top, and shall also provide protection from the elements for the dog.
3. Post the premise with a clearly visible warning sign that there is a dangerous dog on the property. In addition, the owner shall conspicuously display a sign with a warning symbol that informs children of the presence of a dangerous dog.

4. Have a surety bond issued by a surety insurer qualified under chapter 48.28 in the Revised Code of Washington, in a form acceptable to the Animal Control Authority in the sum of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) payable to any person injured by the dangerous dog. In lieu of obtaining a surety bond, the dog owner may show a policy of liability insurance, such as home owners insurance, issued by an insurer in the amount of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) insuring the owner for any personal injuries inflicted by the dog.

It is unlawful for an owner of a **dangerous dog** to permit the dog to be outside the proper enclosure unless the dog is muzzled and restrained by a substantial chain or leash and under the physical restraint of a responsible person. The muzzle shall be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration but shall prevent it from biting any person or animal.

Violation of any of the above provisions will result in the immediate confiscation of the dog by the Animal Control Authority, and the dog owner will be subject to a gross misdemeanor, punishable by one (1) year in jail and/or a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) fine.

If a **dangerous dog** with a previous conviction under this statute attacks or bites a person or another domestic animal, the dog's owner is guilty of a class C felony. The dog will be immediately confiscated by the animal control authority, placed into quarantine and thereafter destroyed.

Copy served/received on _____, by _____

Paul Delgado
Mill Creek Animal Control Officer