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Re: Fwd: Please keep Bexley's pit bull ban

1 message

Richard Sharp <rsharp@bexley.org>
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Wed, Apr 6, 2016 at 9:33 PM

Thank you for your thoughts and information.

Rich Sharp, Chair
City of Bexley Council Safety Committee

On Apr 6, 2016 1:46 PM, "Amy Hunter" <a.jayne.hunter@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Council member Sharp,

I am writing to urge you to keep your breed specific pit bull ban safety laws. There seems to be rumors going around Ohio that cities must remove their pit bull safety laws to match the changes in state law. This is not true. State legislators purposefully allowed municipalities to keep or enact local pit bull safety laws which includes bans.

Your city and all Ohio cities that choose to keep their pit bull safety laws are in good company. Over 900 pro-active US municipalities have pit bull regulation for safety laws. <https://www.scribd.com/doc/56495216/Estimated-U-S-Cities-Counties-States-and-Military-Facilities-with-Breed-Specific-Pit-Bull-Laws>

While the frequency of serious pit bull attacks has been rising dramatically in recent years, the opposite trend has been found in cities with well-enforced pit bull bans or other restrictions. Read about the dramatic decline in attacks by pit bulls since Pawtucket adopted a pit bull ban in 2004. Sadly, after 10 years of success, pit bull lobbyists succeeded in passing statewide preemption laws despite the city's incredible success.

<http://blog.dogsbite.org/2013/09/dramatic-decline-in-attacks-by-pit-bulls-since-pawtucket-pit-bull-ban.html>

Here's a list of Large and small cities with successful pit bull regulation like yours. These articles quote city leaders, police chiefs, Animal Control officers, and municipal lawyers who are saying these laws work to keep people and pets safe. <http://blog.dogsbite.org/2010/06/cities-with-successful-pit-bull-laws.html>

When pit bull safety laws are challenged by pit bull owners, city leaders are often erroneously told that BSL is not constitutional. The constitutionality of BSL has been upheld in courts time and time again.

<http://www.dogsbite.org/legislating-dangerous-dogs-bsl-faq.php#constitutionall> hope you will keep your pit bull regulation if challenged. It really does work to keep communities safe. If you run into any argument you need an answer for or have questions yourself, please contact dogsbite.org at info@dogsbite.org

Thank you for your time and attention,

Amy Hunter, volunteer for DogsBite.Org