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- (11)--HARBORS,---CARES--FOR,--EXERCISES--CONTROL OVER,-OR-HAS-CUSTODY-OF,-A-DANGEROUS-DOG.
- (4) (I) "PROPERTY REAL PROPERTY" MEANS ANY REAL PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY THE OWNER OF A DANGEROUS DOG.
- (II) "PROPERTY REAL PROPERTY" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OR A COMMON AREA OF A CONDOMINIUM, APARTMENT COMPLEX, OR TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT.
- (5) "SEVERE INJURY" MEANS ANY PHYSICAL INJURY THAT RESULTS IN BROKEN BONES OR DISFIGURING LACERATIONS REQUIRING MULTIPLE SUTURES OR COSMETIC SURGERY.
- +B+--THE--PROVISIONS--OF--THIS--SECTION-DO-NOT-APPLY-TO-DOGS OWNED-BY-A-GOVERNMENTAL-OR-LAW-ENFORCEMENT-AGENCY-
- (B) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO A DOG OWNED BY AND WORKING FOR A GOVERNMENTAL OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.
- (C) A DOG IS CONSIDERED TO BE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION IF:
- (1) THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY HAS DETERMINED THAT:
- (I) THE DOG HAS INFLICTED A BITE ON A PERSON EITHER ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY;
- (II) THE DOG HAS KILLED OR INFLICTED SEVERE INJURY TO A DOMESTIC ANIMAL WHEN NOT ON THE OWNER'S REAL PROPERTY; OR
 - (III) THE DOG ATTACKED WITHOUT PROVOCATION; AND
- (2) THE AUTHORITY MAKING THE DETERMINATION HAS NOTIFIED THE OWNER IN WRITING GIVING THE REASONS FOR THIS DETERMINATION.
 - (C) AN OWNER MAY NOT:
- (1) LEAVE A DANGEROUS DOG UNATTENDED ON THE OWNER'S PROPERTY REAL PROPERTY UNLESS THE DOG IS CONFINED INDOORS, IN A SECURELY ENCLOSED AND LOCKED PEN, OR IN ANOTHER STRUCTURE DESIGNED TO RESTRAIN THE DOG; OR
- (2) PERMIT A DANGEROUS DOG TO GO BEYOND THE PROPERTY REAL PROPERTY OF THE OWNER UNLESS THE DOG IS LEASHED AND MUZZLED, OR IS OTHERWISE SECURELY RESTRAINED AND MUZZLED.