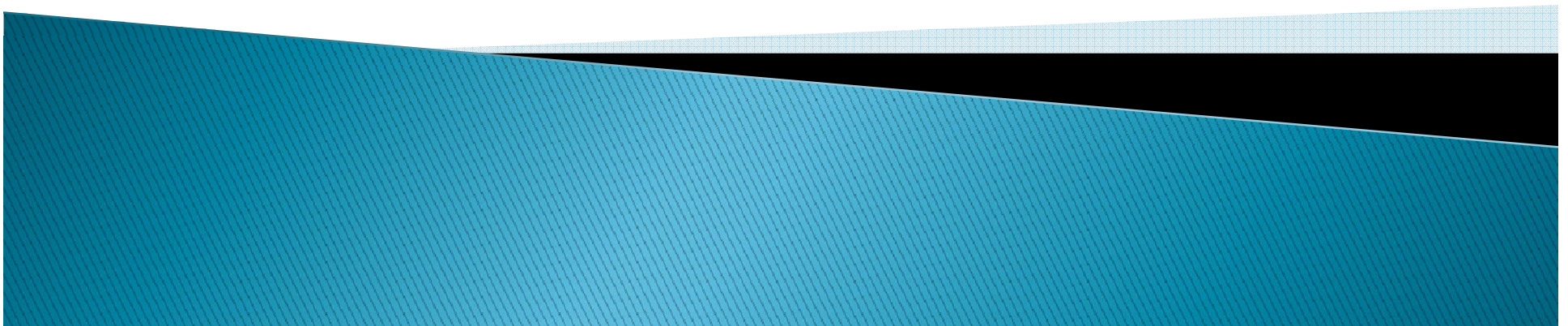


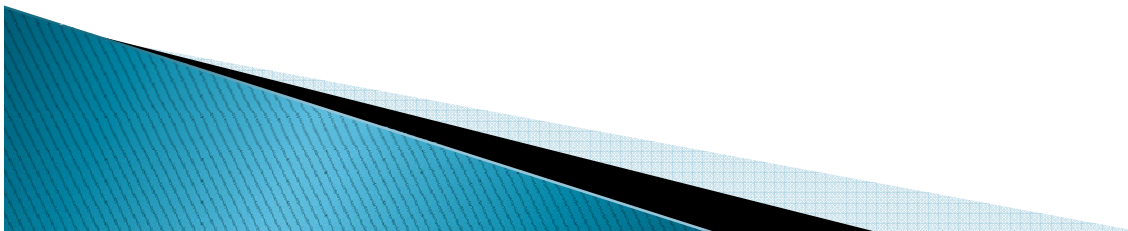
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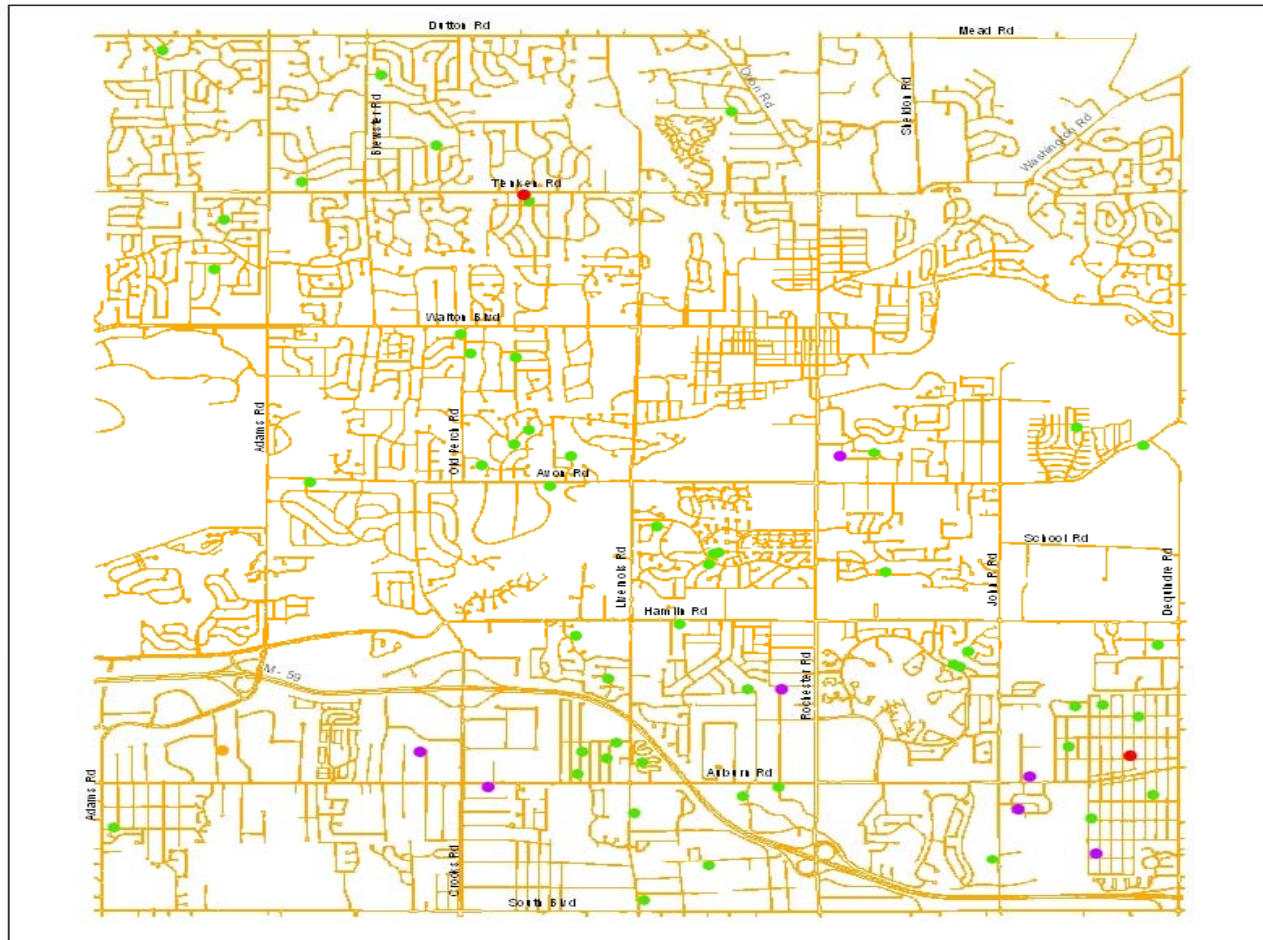
The Question.....

- ▶ Do we deal with dangerous animal issues as they arise? Or...
- ▶ Do we develop a more restrictive ordinance that attempts to limit the number of incidents?



76 Licensed Pit Bull dogs in Rochester Hills

Bully Dog Licenses 2010



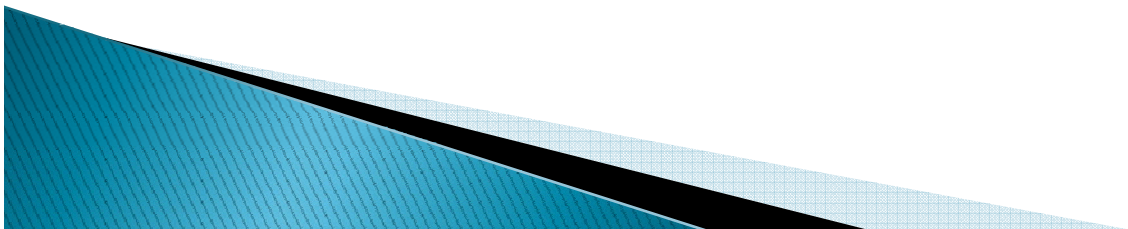
Legend

- 1 Dog
- 2 Dogs
- 3 Dogs
- 4 Dogs

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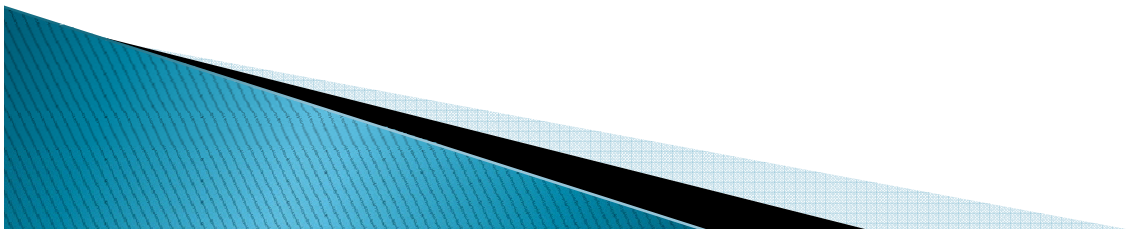
Four options to consider

1. Rely on current ordinance and State law.
2. Rely on current ordinance and state law with specific restrictions on Pit Bull dogs.
3. Ban Pit Bull dogs over time.
4. Completely ban Pit Bull dogs.



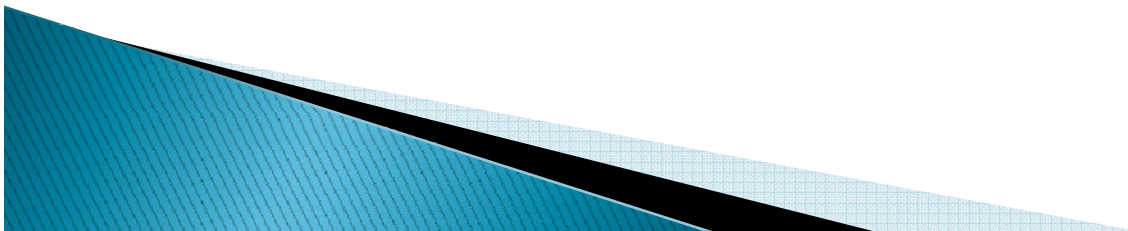
1. Rely on current ordinance and State law

- ▶ Deals with problem animals when an incident occurs.
- ▶ Court has authority to order the dangerous animal put down or place significant restrictions on the owner.
- ▶ This method was used in the Harrison case earlier this year.



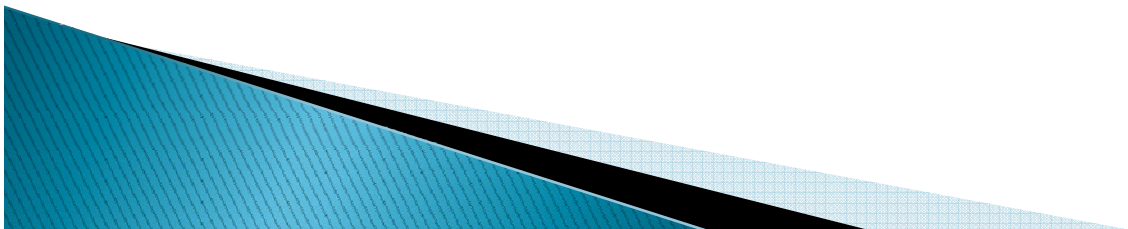
2. Rely on current ordinance and state law with specific restrictions on Pit Bull dogs

- ▶ Deals with problem animals when an incident occurs.
- ▶ Court has authority to order the dangerous animal put down or place significant
- ▶ Identifies the Pit Bull as a public safety concern.
- ▶ Places specific restrictions on Pit Bull dogs.



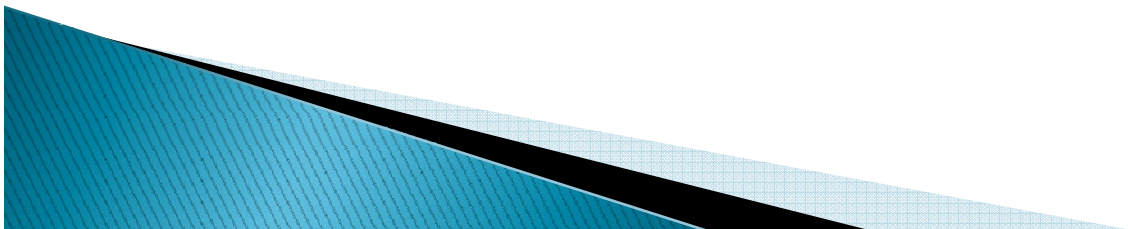
Types of restrictions

- ▶ Be under the control of a person at least 18 years of age.
- ▶ Be held on a leash of adequate strength to hold the dog when in public
- ▶ Have a muzzle over its jaws sufficient to prevent the animal from inflicting any bit upon another person or animal



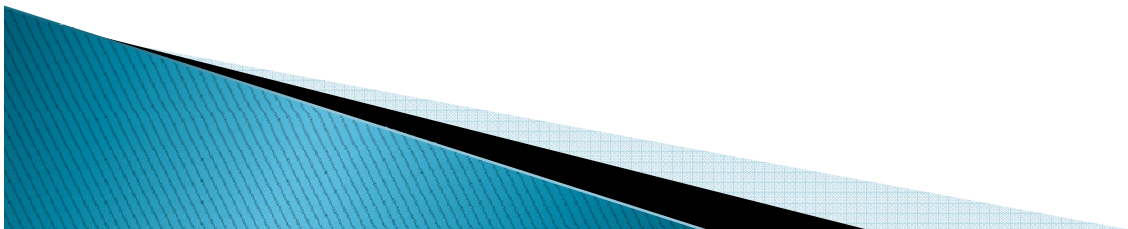
Types of restrictions

- ▶ Obtain liability insurance on the property of no less than one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars coverage.
- ▶ Specific requirements for the construction of dog pens when the dog is housed outside.



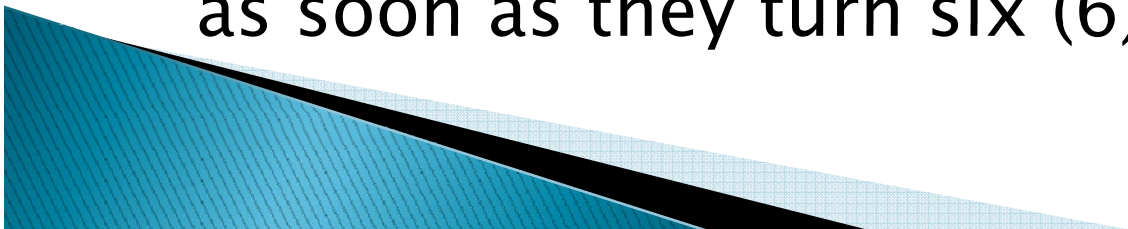
3. Ban Pit Bull dogs over time

- ▶ Identifies Pit Bull dogs as a public safety concern.
- ▶ Does not allow any new Pit Bull dogs in the city after a specific date.
- ▶ Allows current Pit Bull dogs to remain until they pass, with specific restrictions.



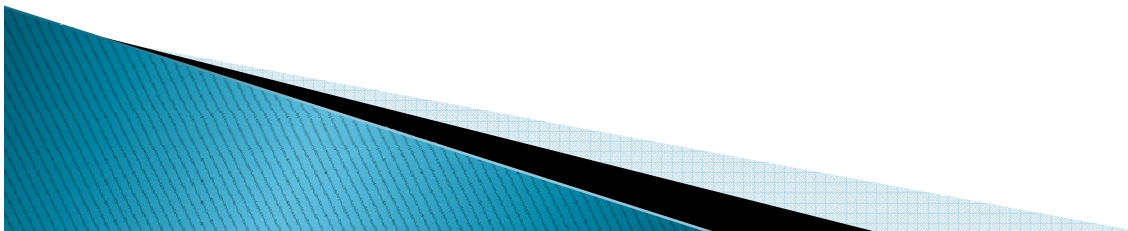
Additional restrictions for banning Pit Bull dogs over time

- ▶ Identifying tattoo on the dog, registered with the state department of agriculture. Once the dog has died, then no other Pit bull dogs may reside at the home.
- ▶ If a judge rules that the Pit Bull dog, exempted by the ordinance, is deemed a dangerous animal because of a complaint, the dog loses its exemption from the ordinance.
- ▶ Puppies born in the home must be removed as soon as they turn six (6) month's old.



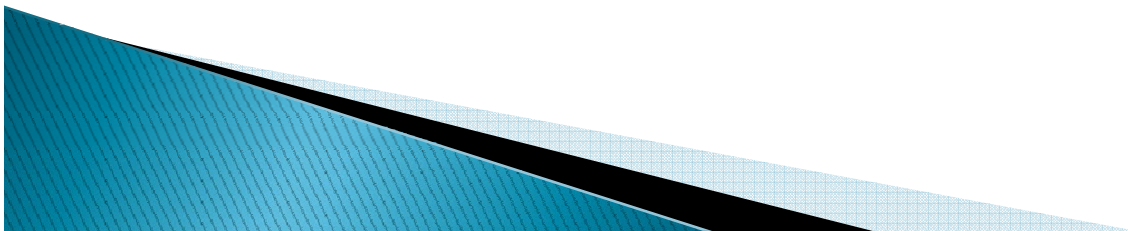
4. Completely Ban Pit Bull dogs

- ▶ Identifies the Pit Bull dog as a public safety concern.
- ▶ Requires current owners of pit bull dogs to remove dog(s) from the city.



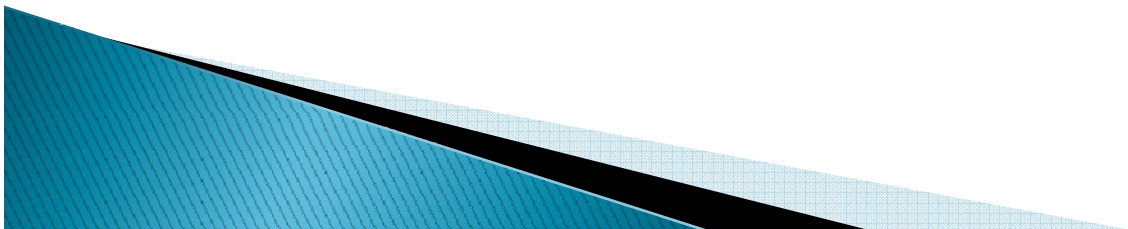
Enforcement

- ▶ Option 1: Current ordinance
 - ▶ * No change
- ▶ Option 2: Current ordinance with restrictions
 - ▶ * Complaint based enforcement
 - ▶ * Minimal change in workload



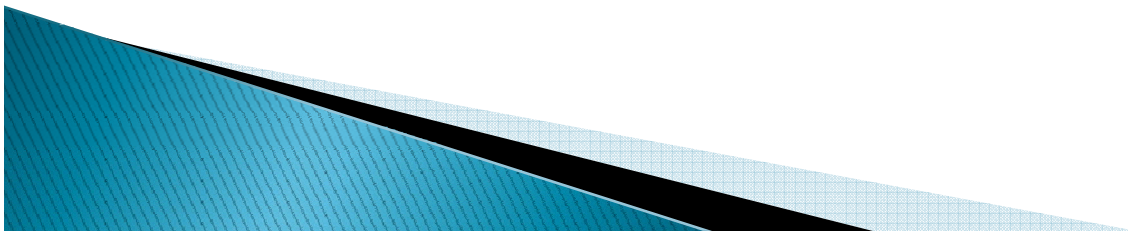
Enforcement

- ▶ Option 3: Ban over time
- ▶ Option 4: Complete Ban
 - ▶ *Difficult to enforce
 - ▶ * Would require reducing the level of enforcement in other areas



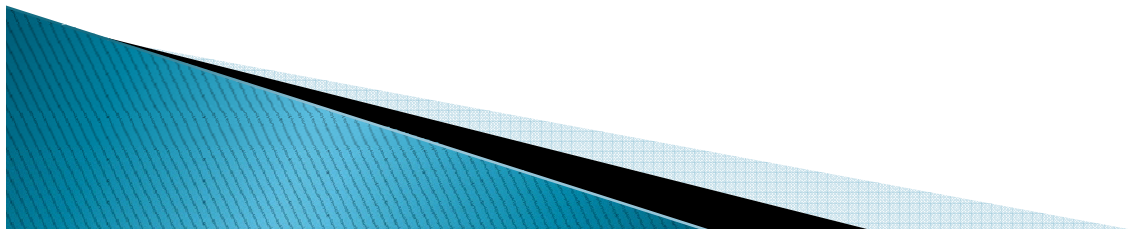
Important Note

- ▶ There is no ordinance or restriction that can totally prevent a Pit Bull dog or other dangerous animal attack from occurring.



Dog Bites reports 2009

- ▶ Bassett 1
 - ▶ Bichon Frise 1
 - ▶ Boxer 2
 - ▶ Chihuahau 1
 - ▶ Chow 1
 - ▶ German Shep 2
 - ▶ Hound 1
 - ▶ Jack Russell 1
 - ▶ Labrador 2
 - ▶ Maltese 1
 - ▶ Miniture Pinsher 1
 - ▶ Papillon 1
 - ▶ Pit Bull 3
 - ▶ Schnauzer 1
 - ▶ Terrier 1
- Total 20**



Dog Bite reports 2010

- ▶ Beagle 1
- ▶ Bichon Frise 1
- ▶ Border Collie 1
- ▶ Boxer 1
- ▶ Brittany Span 1
- ▶ Chihuahau 1
- ▶ Chow 1
- ▶ Cockapoo 1
- ▶ German Shep 1
- ▶ Golden Retr. 1
- ▶ Labrador 2
- ▶ Malamute 1
- ▶ Miniature Pinscher 2
- ▶ Mix 1
- ▶ Pit Bull 1
- ▶ Rotwieller 1
- ▶ Schnauzer 1
- ▶ Springer 1
- ▶ Shar Pei 1

Total 21



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