

# City moving forward with pit bull ban

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Editor

The Glenwood City Council has passed the second reading of an ordinance that would ban the ownership, possession or sale of pit bulls within the city limits.

The reading was passed at the council's regular meeting, Tuesday, June 26, after concerns about the proposed ordinance were voiced by Glenwood residents Josh Ehrenhard, Christine Felos and Emily O'Tool.

Ehrenhard and Felos said they own a dog that fits the description of a pit bull as described in the proposed ordinance, but noted that approximately 20 other breeds of dogs also exhibit similar characteristics.

The city ordinance will allow current pit bull owners to keep the dogs they own now until they are sold or die. However, owners

of these dogs will be required to have \$100,000 in liability insurance for possessing the dog and must post a "dangerous dog" sign in their yard.

Ehrenhard and Felos asked if posting the sign is an admission that they're dog is dangerous and "paints a target on their property."

Mayor Dyle Downing said the sign-posting requirement is included in the ordinance as a public safety measure.

"It (the sign) does give the public the opportunity to walk on the other side of the street," Downing said.

Council member Craig Florian said he shared some of the same concerns about the ordinance that were presented to the council by Ehrenhard, Felos and O'Tool.

The council's third and final reading of the ordinance will take place at its July 10 meeting.