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ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 – ANIMALS – OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING TRAPPING OF COYOTES

Whereas, coyotes are now inhabiting Emerald Isle and surrounding areas, and

Whereas, residents and property owners have expressed concerns about the potential harm to small children and domestic animals posed by coyotes, and

Whereas, Town staff have consulted with biologists at the NC Wildlife Resources Commission to identify appropriate coyote management strategies, and

Whereas, the Town seeks to establish a program whereby residents and property owners may engage in the trapping of coyotes to remove unwanted coyotes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners that

1. Chapter 8 – Animals - of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding new Article VII, Coyotes, as follows:

Article VII. - Coyotes

Sec. 8-57. – Coyote trapping permitted.
It shall be lawful for a property owner to trap or contract with a licensed trapper for the purpose of removing coyotes from the property, subject to the following provisions:

(a) The trapper must be properly licensed by the State of North Carolina.

(b) The property owner is responsible for securing all necessary depredation permits, unless the trapping occurs during the scheduled trapping season for coyotes.

(c) The trapper is required to notify the Police Department of the following information:
1. date trap set
2. location of trap
3. trapper's name and contact information
4. date animal harvested
5. sex of animal harvested
6. date trap removed.

(d) Harvested coyotes must be removed from the town limits of Emerald Isle. Coyotes are not permitted to be euthanized by any method within the town limits.

(e) Trappers are required to report the accidental trapping of any domestic animal to the Police Department immediately.

(f) Trappers are required to comply with all North Carolina laws and regulations regarding the trapping and harvesting of coyotes.

Sec. 8-58. – Violations.

Violations of this section shall subject the offender to a criminal misdemeanor under G.S. 14-4.

2. Article VII, Other Animal Provisions, is hereby renumbered as Article VIII, Other Animal Provisions.

3. The Town Clerk is authorized to amend the sections as set forth above.

4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Adopted this the 11th day of October, 2016, by a vote of

Commissioner(s) Dooley, Finch, Messer, Normile, Wright voting for,

Commissioner(s) _____ voting against, and

Commissioner(s) _____ absent.

Eddie Barber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Ferebee, CMC, Town Clerk

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