Couple: Pit bulls difficult to insure

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City law says Joseph and Krista Davis have a dangerous dog.

Although the ordinance doesn't say pit bulls are dangerous dogs, the breed is if it bites someone.

Because their pit bull bit a neighbor who was trying to separate his dog from the Davis pet, the animal now falls into the dangerous dog category.

During open forum at the July 6 meeting of the Gothenburg City Council, the Davises said they had done everything in the ordinance to keep a dangerous dog except obtaining insurance.

"You can't get it for certain types of dogs," Joseph said.

City attorney Mike Bacon said the city council would have to amend the ordinance to help the Davises or post a surety bond in lieu of insurance.

"Check with me in my office to see what it takes," Bacon told the couple.

Krista said she and her husband discovered that most states will not insure pit bulls, Rottweilers or chows.

Joseph said they don't want to put their dog to sleep, noting she was chained in the yard when the neighbor dog appeared.

Under a law passed several months ago, owners of a dangerous dog must also:

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