e. Probate Court Decision

1. The Probate Court shall render a decision at the conclusion of the hearing. If at the conclusion of the evidence and testimony the Probate Court is not prepared to render a decision, the Probate Court may continue the hearing and reconvene at a later date.

2. The Probate Court may decide:

- A. the Dog Control Officer's Notice of Classification was in error;
- B. the dog is classified as a dangerous dog pursuant to this Ordinance and the owner must possess a Certificate of Registration issued pursuant to this Ordinance;
- C. the dog is classified as a vicious dog pursuant to this Ordinance and the owner must possess a Certificate of Registration issued pursuant to this Ordinance; or
- D. the dog is to be euthanized pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.
- 3. If the Probate Court's decision is that the dog is a dangerous dog or a vicious dog, such decision shall become effective immediately.
- 4. If the Probate Court's decision is that the dog is to be euthanized pursuant to this Ordinance, the Probate Court's decision shall specify the date by which the euthanasia shall occur which date shall not be prior to thirty (30) days from the decision; provided however, euthanasia may occur prior to (30) days from the date of the decision if the owner surrenders the dog to the Animal Services.
- 5. If the Probate Court's decision is that the dog is a dangerous dog or a vicious dog, the owner of shall have fourteen (14) days from the date of the decision of the Probate Court to obtain a valid Certificate of Registration. If the owner does not obtain a valid Certificate of Registration within fourteen (14) days of the date of the decision, the dog shall be surrendered to Animal Services.

f. Further Judicial Review

- 1. Judicial review of the Probate Court's final decision shall be in accordance with OCGA § 5-3-4.
- 2. Costs of such judicial review shall be paid as provided in OCGA § 5-3-16.
- 3. Euthanasia shall be stayed during the pendency of such review.

g. Euthanasia for Dogs

1. A dog that inflicts serious injury on a person where such serious injury results in the death of the person shall be euthanized.