

## CHAPTER 10. ANIMALS

### **ARTICLE III. Non-Domesticated Animals and Farm Animals Prohibited.**

#### **Section 10-131. Animals prohibited.**

Unless otherwise noted in this Chapter, no person shall keep, harbor, or maintain care custody, or control over any non-domesticated or farm animal within City Limits.

#### **Section 10-132. Exceptions to prohibition; permit required.**

- (a) Any person desiring to keep an animal prohibited by this ordinance may apply for a temporary wild animal permit from the city council. Such permit may be issued for a period not to exceed 30 days and shall specify conditions under which such animals shall be kept. No such permit shall be issued unless such prohibited animal is brought into the town for entertainment, exhibition or show purposes only, or by persons keeping animals for a public zoo as volunteers, docents or otherwise. A public zoo or other institution engaged in a permanent display of animals, any bona fide research institution or veterinary hospital may be issued a permanent wild animal permit provided applicable zoning requirements are met.
- (b) Nonpoisonous snakes or snakes not prohibited by this ordinance, birds kept indoors, hamsters, mice, rabbits lizards and similar small animals capable of being kept in cages continuously are also exempt and do not require a permit.
- (c) Handicapped persons may keep monkeys trained as personal helpers by wild animal permit subject to annual review.
- (d) Before issuance of any temporary or permanent wild animal permit, the applicant shall provide the city with proof of insurance, including public liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00. The insurance shall provide coverage for liability resulting from the ownership or possession of the specific animal or animals being permitted.

#### **Section 10-133. Non-Domesticated Animals and Farm Animals; At Large.**

Any non-domesticated or farm animal kept in violation of this ordinance may be impounded by the City unless such impounded animal is reclaimed and removed from the City or issued a permit to allow it to remain in the City or the owner petitions the district court for a determination that the animal is exempt from the provisions of this ordinance. Such an impounded animal may be destroyed, sold or otherwise disposed of five (5) days following notice to the owner of the animal's impoundment and the provisions of this article.

#### **Sections 10-134 thru 10-150. Reserved.**