

## 1105. NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMALS

1105.010. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health from disease transmission, animal bites, animal attacks and other serious injury, and public nuisances arising from the keeping or escape of non-domesticated animals.

1105.020. DEFINITION. Non-domesticated animal: any wild animal, reptile, or fowl which is not naturally tame or gentle, but is of a wild nature or disposition, and which, because of its size, vicious nature, or other characteristics would constitute a danger to human life or property. The term includes animals and birds, the keeping of which is licensed by the State or federal government, such as, wolves, raptors, and pheasants. By way of example and not of limitation, the term includes: snakes, eagles, ocelots, jaguars, cougars, weasels, wild ferrets, badgers, monkeys, chimpanzees, deer and bison.

1105.030. PROHIBITED ANIMALS. No person, firm, corporation or other business shall keep, maintain or harbor within the City of Little Canada, any of the following animals:

- A. Any animal or species prohibited by federal or Minnesota law.
- B. Any non-domesticated animal or species, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Any skunk, whether captured in the wild, domestically raised, de-scented or not de-scented, vaccinated against rabies or not vaccinated against rabies.
  - 2. Any large cat of the family Felidae such as lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, and ocelots, except commonly accepted domesticated house cats.
  - 3. Any member of the family Canidae, such as wolves, foxes, coyotes, dingoes and jackals, except domesticated dogs.
  - 4. Any crossbreed such as crossbreeds between dogs and coyotes, or dogs and wolves.
  - 5. Any poisonous snake or pit viper such as a rattlesnake, coral snake, water moccasin, or cobra.
  - 6. Any raccoon.
  - 7. Any other animal which is not listed explicitly above, but which can reasonably be defined by the terms in Section 1105.020 of this ordinance, including bears and badgers.

1105.040. SELLING PROHIBITED. No person, firm, corporation or other business shall sell, offer for sale, or in any way transfer ownership or possession of any animal prohibited in Section 1105.030 of this ordinance except as provided for in Section 1105.050.2.

1105.050. EXCEPTIONS. The following non-domesticated animals shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 1105.010 through 1105.080 of this ordinance, and may be kept within the City of Little Canada:

- A. Non-domesticated animals brought into the City of Little Canada for entertainment, exhibition, show, promotional or educational purposes, provided such animals are kept within an enclosure or other secure method of storage.
- B. Non-domesticated animals for sale or display in commercial pet stores, provided that prior to a sale of any such non-domesticated animal to a person, firm or corporation who intends to keep such animal in the City of Little Canada, the pet store shall be required to give the buyer a photocopy of this ordinance.
- C. Non-domesticated animals kept in a public zoo or other public or non-profit institution engaged in the permanent display of non-domesticated animals.
- D. Non-poisonous snakes, birds kept indoors, hamsters, mice, rabbits, gerbils, white rats, guinea pigs, chinchillas or lizards, and similar small animals, provided such animals are maintained continuously in cages within the City of Little Canada.
- E. Non-domesticated animals kept temporarily for a public zoo by volunteers under a designated volunteer program, provided the prior to the storage in the City of Little Canada, such volunteer informs the Little Canada Animal Control Officer of its presence.
- F. All non-domesticated animals kept by veterinary clinics or other research institutions which are affiliated with a college or other institute of higher education, provided that adequate measures are taken to prevent such animals from escaping or injuring the general public.

1105.060. IMPOUNDING OF NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMALS. Any non-domesticated animal kept in violation of this ordinance may be impounded by the City, and after being so impounded for five (5) days or more without being reclaimed by the owner, may be sold or destroyed. Any person reclaiming such impounded animal shall pay the costs of impounding and keeping the same, and shall provide documentation of the animal's relocation outside of the City.

1105.070. EXISTING NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMALS. Any person keeping or maintaining any non-domesticated animal in violation of this ordinance at the time this ordinance

is adopted, shall within ninety (90) days of its passage, take such actions as may be required to be in compliance with this ordinance.

1105.080. PENALTY. Violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor.

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