

CHAPTER 213 – MISCELLANEOUS ANIMAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 213.010: KEEPING OF PROHIBITED ANIMALS

- A. The sale, possession, display, maintenance or keeping of carnivora, innately wild animals, nonhuman primates and venomous reptiles within the city is unlawful unless such animals are kept with a written permit from the Missouri Department of Conservation or a Federal permit to transport and display such animals or for bona fide circuses and carnivals.
1. Carnivora shall include, but not be limited to, the following families, with representatives of those families as indicated:
 - Ursidae: Bears.
 - Canidae: Wolves, coyotes, foxes, or the hybrid offspring of such canidae (including, but not limited to, domestic dog—canidae crosses).
 - Hyaenidae: Hyenas.
 - Filidae: Lions, tigers, leopards, American lions (commonly known as pumas, cougars, and panthers), cheetah, bobcats, ocelots, jaguars, servals, African panthers, lynx, margays.
 - Procyonidae: Raccoons and relatives.
 - Mustelidae: Weasels, skunks, and relatives.
 - Viverridae: Binturongs, civets and relatives.
 2. Innately wild animals shall include all members of the order Carnivora which are all meat-eating animals, excluding domestic breeds of dogs and cats.
 3. Nonhuman primates shall include, but not be limited to, the following families:
 - Monkeys: Spider monkeys, squirrel monkeys, marmosets, baboons and relatives.
 - Great apes: Gorillas, orangutans, gibbons, siamangs, chimpanzees and relatives.
 4. Venomous reptiles shall include, but not be limited to, the following families:
 - Colubridae: (two (2) genera only), Dispholidus (boomslang) and thelotornis (twig snakes).
 - Elapidae: Cobras, kraits, coral snakes and relatives.
 - Hydrophilidae: Sea snakes.
 - Viperidae: Vipers, adders.
 - Crotalidae: Pit vipers (commonly known as rattlesnakes, water moccasins, copperheads).
 - Helodermatidae: Gila monsters.
- B. Large Animals Prohibited. Keeping or maintaining hogs, goats, donkeys, mules, sheep, emu, ostrich or any other animal which, when fully grown would typically weigh over thirty (30) pounds, other than dogs, cattle and horses, within the City limits is prohibited, unless otherwise allowed herein.
- C. Horses and Cattle. Horses and cattle may be kept or maintained within the City limits but only on tracts of land consisting of not less than fifteen (15) acres and not less than four hundred (400) feet from the property line of any adjoining property containing a residence or dwelling place. No more than 1 of such animals per acre of land shall be allowed.
- D. No person shall keep or maintain rabbits, chickens, domesticated Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs, ducks, turkeys, or other domestic fowl within one hundred (100) feet of any residence or other dwelling place other than that of the owner, unless all occupants of residences or other dwelling places within such distances agree in writing that such animals or fowl may be kept and maintained at less than such distances.
- E. No person may keep bees or beehives unless such beehives are located more than one hundred (100) feet from the nearest residence, business or building. The maximum number of beehives shall be two (2) if the property is one acre or less.

SECTION 213.020: KENNELS

A kennel shall be any establishment which has more than three (3) dogs or more than three (3) cats. Kennels are not allowed in any residential zoning district. In other districts, written application for a kennel business license shall be made. Fee per dog or cat shall be assessed according to this code. The Animal Control Officer and/or members of the Police Department shall be allowed to inspect such kennel to determine its compliance with all laws and/or regulations.

SECTION 213.030: IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS

The animal control officer shall take into custody any animal found at large in the city and shall impound the animal. Each impounded animal shall be held for a period of at least five (5) business days at the end of which time the animal shall be deemed abandoned. The animal control officer shall make diligent efforts to determine the owner of the animal and notify the owner of the impoundment.

If the owner of the animal fails or refuses to claim and repossess the dog by the payment of the proper fee as prescribed in this section within five (5) days of acknowledging ownership of such animal, the animal shall be deemed abandoned. No animal that has not been licensed and vaccinated shall be released unless the person redeeming the animal licenses and/or vaccinates such animal.

The Police Department shall establish from time to time a schedule of fees for redemption of animals which shall reimburse the City for approximate average costs for impoundment, shelter, food, transportation and officer time. This schedule may impose higher costs for repetitive redemptions for the same owner.

SECTION 213.040: PENALTIES

Penalties for violations of any provision herein shall be as set forth in Section 100.160 unless otherwise set forth. Each day that a violation of any provision of this chapter continues shall be deemed a separate offense.