

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF
CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1995-2

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS
WITHIN CITY LIMITS AND DECLARING SAME TO BE
A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES
FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA,
AS FOLLOWS;

SECTION 1. UNLAWFUL KEEPING OF ANIMALS. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL AND SHALL BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR ANY PERSON, GROUP OF PERSONS, BUSINESS, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION TO KEEP, MAINTAIN, TRADE IN OR HAVE IN HIS/HER POSSESSION OR UNDER HIS/HER PERSONAL CONTROL WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ANIMALS WITHIN ONE THOUSAND (1000) FEET OF THE PROPERTY LINE OF ANOTHER: HORSES, COWS, GOATS, PIGS, RABBITS, CHICKENS, GEESE, DUCKS, SNAKES, BEASTS OF BURDEN, LIVESTOCK, BEARS, LIONS, TIGERS, LEOPARDS, WOLVES, WOLVERINES, BADGERS, RACCOONS, SKUNKS, ELEPHANTS, RHINOCEROS, COUGARS, PRIMATES, PRAIRIE DOGS, FOXES, ALLIGATORS, CROCODILES, BIRDS, OR ANY OTHER DOMESTIC OR EXOTIC ANIMAL.

SECTION 2. EXCEPTION FOR VETERINARIANS. IT SHALL NOT BE UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON, GROUP OF PERSONS, PARTNERSHIP, FIRM OR CORPORATION WHO IS DULY LICENSED IN THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARIAN MEDICINE TO KEEP SUCH ANIMALS FOR SUCH PERIODS OF NECESSARY OBSERVATION AND TREATMENT.

SECTION 3. EXCEPTION FOR DOGS AND CATS. THE KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS SHALL NOT BE UNLAWFUL UNDER THIS ORDINANCE SO LONG AS EVERY SUCH DOG OR CAT IS KEPT AS A PET AND IS MAINTAINED PURSUANT TO ALL LEASH LAWS OF THE CITY, COUNTY, OR STATE AS APPLICABLE.

SECTION 4. EXCEPTION FOR INDOOR SMALL DOMESTICATED PETS. THE KEEPING OF OTHER SMALL DOMESTICATED PETS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PARAKEETS, GERBILS, SNAKES, RACCOONS, AND OTHER SMALL ANIMALS, SHALL NOT BE UNLAWFUL UNDER THIS ORDINANCE SO LONG AS SUCH SMALL DOMESTICATED PET IS KEPT INDOORS TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PER DAY AND DOES NOT POSE A HEALTH RISK TO HUMAN BEINGS.

SECTION 5. EXCEPTION FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE SPECIAL LICENSES. A PERSON MAY KEEP AN ANIMAL OTHERWISE PROHIBITED UNDER THIS ORDINANCE IF THE PERSON ACQUIRES AND MAINTAINS A SPECIAL FEDERAL OR STATE LICENSE WHICH ALLOWS THE KEEPING OF SUCH ANIMAL FOR PURPOSES OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OR OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL SANCTIONED REASON.

SECTION 6. PENALTY. THERE SHALL BE A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) AND NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00) FOR EACH VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE. EACH DAY THAT SUCH PROHIBITED ANIMAL IS KEPT, MAINTAINED, TRADED OR POSSESSED SHALL BE A SEPERATE VIOLATION.

SECTION 7. "GRACE PERIOD". ANY PERSON, GROUP OF PERSONS, BUSINESS, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION WHO IS KEEPING, MAINTAINING, TRADING IN OR WHO HAS IN HIS/HER POSSESSION OR UNDER HIS/HER PERSONAL CONTROL ANY OF THE PROHIBITED ANIMALS AT THE TIME THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED, SHALL HAVE A PERIOD OF THREE (3) MONTHS TO BRING THEMSELVES WITHIN COMPLIANCE WITHOUT PENALTY.

SECTION 8. ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH SHALL BE AND HEREBY REPEALED.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA ON THIS 3rd DAY OF APRIL, 1995.

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APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 3RD. DAY OF APRIL, 1995.

Mayor Bob Braswell
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ATTEST:

Dorothea Jenkins
DOROTHEA JENKINS, CLERK-TREASURER