

ORDINANCE NO. 146

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE
KEEPING OF WILD OR DANGEROUS
ANIMALS WITHIN BOYD COUNTY.

WHEREAS, The Boyd County Fiscal Court is empowered by KRS 67.083 and other applicable law to regulate animals as nuisances and/or threats to public health and safety;

WHEREAS, The Boyd County Fiscal Court has determined that wild or dangerous animals pose a serious threat to public health and safety regardless of whether such animals are confined or restrained;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Fiscal Court of Boyd County, Kentucky as follows;

(1) "Owner" or "Keeper" shall be defined as any person or persons, firm, association, partnership or corporation owning, keeping, harboring or allowing a animal to remain on his/her or its property;

(2) "Wild Animal" means all bears, lions, tigers, cougars, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, wolves and wolverines and other large (more than 35 pounds) predacious (predatory) omnivore or carnivore, excluding canines and any other animal not normally domesticated by man;

(3) "Dangerous Animal" shall mean any species of animal capable of inflicting serious physical harm or death to human beings because of its nature or physical makeup, including an pet wildlife or any hybrid animal which has attacked a human or which is apprehended or observed unrestrained.

EXHIBITIONS PROHIBITED

Exhibitions of wild or vicious animals for display or for exhibition purposes, whether gratuitously or for a fee, is prohibited, unless the exhibitioner is licensed or permitted to do so.

WILD ANIMALS

The keeping of wild animals and/or dangerous animals within any area of the county is hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful. This section shall not apply to ant zoological garden accredited by the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, appropriately licensed theatrical exhibits, carnivals or circuses, any authorized wildlife rehabilitator or licensed

veterinary hospital for purposes of treating injured animals, or any federally licensed research institution.

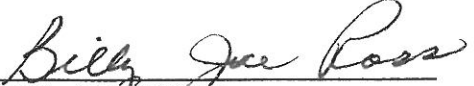
ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS AND CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Any peace officer, or any enforcement officer so authorized, may issue a citation, or secure a criminal complaint, specifying the section or sections hereof violated, and indicating the specific nature of the violation, to any person violating any provision of this chapter. If the charge is by citation or criminal complaint the owner or keeper is obligated to appear to answer the charges specified at the Boyd District Court at the time and place indicated.

PENALTIES

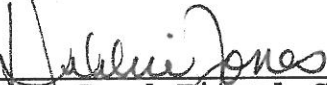
Any person violating any section of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$250.00 or confined in the Boyd County Detention Center for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force when passed, published and recorded according to law.


BILLY JOE ROSS
BOYD COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

First Reading 1-20-98

Second Reading 2-10-98

ATTEST: 
Clerk, Boyd Fiscal Court