

# CITY OF COON RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

## CHAPTER 6-500

### NON-DOMESTIC ANIMALS

6-501 Application. This Chapter shall apply to all animals both domestic and non-domestic, except:

- (1) dogs and cats which are regulated by City Code Chapter 6-100, 6-200, and 6-400; and
- (2) cows or cattle maintained on properties of 20 contiguous acres or more, owned by the same person or entity and zoned LDR-2, where the property is used for agricultural purposes and the amount of cows or cattle maintained is no greater than 30.

6-502 Definitions. For purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) Domestic animals are defined as non-poisonous snakes or snakes not prohibited by this Chapter, birds kept indoors, non-poisonous spiders, turtles, lizards, hamsters, chinchillas, mice, rabbits, gerbils, white rats, guinea pigs, or similar small animals capable of being maintained continuously in cages and indoors.

(2) Non-domestic animals are defined as all other animals such as cows, sheep, pigs, potbellied pigs, bees, goats, swine, llamas, mules, horses or other hoofed animal, chickens, ducks, or other agricultural animals or domestic fowl and any animal, reptile or fowl, which is not naturally tame or gentle but is of a wild nature or disposition or which, because of its vicious nature or other characteristics, would constitute a danger to human life or property including:

- (a) any animal or species prohibited by Minnesota or federal law;
- (b) any skunk, raccoon, badger, weasel, wild ferret or fox, whether captured in the wild, domestically raised, de-scented or not de-scented, vaccinated against rabies or not vaccinated against rabies;
- (c) any cats of the family Felidae, including lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, cheetahs, ocelots and servals, but not including commonly accepted domesticated house cats or cats recognized as a domestic breed, registered as a domestic breed, and shown as a domestic breed by a national or international multibreed cat registry association;
- (d) any members of the family Canidae, such as wolves, foxes, coyotes, dingos, jackals but not including domesticated dogs;
- (e) any crossbreeds such as crossbreeds between dogs and coyotes or dogs and wolves, but does not include crossbreeds between domesticated animals;
- (f) any snake, that is a member of the pit viper or Blodae family, including but not limited to copperheads, water moccasins, rattlesnakes, fer-de-lances, bushmasters, asps, cobras, mamba, kraits, coral snakes, sea snakes, South American anacondas, Asian reticulated pythons, boa constrictors, tree boas and sand boas;
- (g) any other snake or reptile which by their size, vicious nature, or other characteristic is dangerous to human beings;
- (h) any poisonous spiders;
- (i) any apes, gorillas, monkeys or other primates;
- (j) any other animals which are not listed explicitly but which can be easily defined as a non-domesticated animal including bears and wolverines.

6-503 Keeping of Non-Domestic Animals.

(1) It shall be unlawful to keep, maintain, harbor, or feed any non-domestic animal within the City except where permitted elsewhere in this Chapter.

(2) Songbird Exception. The feeding of songbirds is permitted under the following conditions:

(a) Feeding occurs from a bird feeder that is designed to prevent other wildlife, including squirrels or waterfowl, from eating from the bird feeder, and

(b) The bird feeder does not become an attractive nuisance to other wildlife or waterfowl, and

(c) Songbird feeding does not attract songbirds in such numbers that they become a nuisance or that they damage property, and

(d) The storage of songbird feed must be done in a sealed container and in a manner that rodents are not attracted to the feed, and

(e) Songbird feeding occurs on private property owned or controlled by the person responsible for the bird feeder.

6-504 Impounding of Non-Domestic Animals. Any non-domestic animal kept in violation of this Chapter may be impounded by the Animal Control Officer and after being so impounded for five days or more without being redeemed, may be destroyed or otherwise humanely disposed of. Any person reclaiming any such impounded animal shall pay the costs of impounding and keeping the same. At the time of impounding, the Animal Control Officer shall notify the owner, if known, by telephone or personal contact and by written notice to his or her last known address. If the owner is unknown, written notice containing a description of the animal shall be posted at the animal shelter of impoundment and at City Hall. The notice shall advise the owner that he or she has five regular business days to claim and remove the animal from the City. Regular business day means any day during which the animal shelter is open to the public not less than four consecutive hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

6-505 Permitted Use. Use of horses and any accessory stabling of such shall be permitted in public parks on designated bridle paths only.

6-506 Permits. The City Council may grant permits for the keeping of non-domestic animals for use in connection with an exhibition or show only, or by persons keeping animals for a public zoo as volunteers, docents, or otherwise, for a maximum of 30 days provided that the Council finds that such animals are not likely to be dangerous, that they will be kept in safe and sanitary surroundings, that they will not be maintained in an inhumane manner or be subjected to any inhumane treatment, and that their presence on the premises will not be a source of nuisance or annoyance to the occupants of adjacent property. In granting such permit, the Council may impose limitations on the permit to ensure that such animals will be kept under such conditions. It will be unlawful for the permit holder to keep such animals in violation of the limitations imposed by the City Council. Any such permit shall be subject to immediate suspension by the Animal Control Officer if the officer determines that the animals are being kept in a manner which violates the terms of the permit. Such suspension shall remain in effect until the matter is heard before the City Council not less than 10 days or more than 20 days after the suspension. At such meeting the City Council may revoke such permit or may reinstate the same subject to such limitations as the Council shall deem necessary. Applications for permits shall be in a form provided by the City Clerk.

6-507 Penalty. Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Chapter will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

6-508 Violation. Each day=s violation of the provisions of this Chapter shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.[Adopted 9/21/10, Ordinance 2043]

