

ORDINANCE NO. 22-____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN, ADDING PROVISIONS RELATED TO MINIATURE SWINE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Killeen, Texas is a home-rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS:

SECTION I. That Chapter 6, Articles I and VI of the City of Killeen Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 6 Animals

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 6-4. Definitions.

Livestock means or includes, but [is] not limited to, domesticated animals raised for typically kept to provide food or fiber or perform work, whether or not they actually provide these functions, including, but not limited to, regardless of age, sex, or breed: horses, consisting of all equine species including ponies, mules, donkeys, jackasses, and burros; cattle, consisting of all bovine species; sheep, consisting of all ovine species; llamas and alpacas; goats, consisting of all caprine species; rabbits kept primarily outdoors or raised as a food or fiber source; chickens, ducks, ostriches, emus, and other fowl; and pigs or hogs, consisting of all swine species, excluding miniature swine.

Miniature swine means any member of the swine family which has, through selective breeding, been genetically manipulated to attain a maximum height of 20 inches, from the feet to the shoulders, and a maximum weight of 150 pounds.

Swine means any of the ungulate mammals of the family Suidae, including the pig, hog, and boar, and excluding the Vietnamese pot-bellied pig miniature swine.

ARTICLE VI. TRAPPING, WILD ANIMALS, AND LIVESTOCK

DIVISION 3 LIVESTOCK, FOWL AND SWINE

Sec. 6-158. Miniature Swine.

Miniature swine may be kept as pets in the City of Killeen. The following requirements shall apply to the keeping of miniature swine.

(a) There shall be a maximum of two (2) miniature swine per household or business. The swine may be of any age.

(b) All miniature swine must be either spayed/neutered in compliance with section 6-63. The owner of such animal must retain documentation of the spay/neuter of their animal. Under no circumstances may a person engage in the propagation or breeding of miniature swine within the Killeen city limits.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain miniature swine outdoors. A person may permit miniature swine outdoors for brief periods (but not to exceed one (1) hour per occurrence) as necessary for exercise or for the elimination of waste. The outdoor area used for exercise and waste elimination must be a secure area from which the miniature swine may not escape.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain miniature swine unless the swine have received annual vaccinations against erysipelas, parvo virus, and Leptospirosis. The first inoculations for such diseases must be received before the animal is four (4) months of age.

(e) It shall be unlawful to allow the miniature swine to drink water from, or have access to, or enter into any public body of water, including a creek, stream, or lake, within the Killeen City limits.

(f) All miniature swine kept within the corporate city limits must be microchipped in compliance with section 6-62.

(g) All areas where miniature swine are located shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Exercise areas shall be cleaned of swine excrement on a daily basis.

SECTION II. That all ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION III. That should any section or part of any section, paragraph or clause of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, it shall not invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or sections or part of a section or paragraph of this ordinance.

SECTION IV. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Killeen, Texas, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION V. That this ordinance shall be effective on May 11, 2022, after its passages and publication according to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Killeen, Texas, this ____ day of May 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Government Code, §551.001 et seq.

APPROVED

Debbie Nash-King, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lucy Aldrich
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Traci S. Briggs
CITY ATTORNEY