

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-48

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 505, SECTION 505.19 TITLED "FARM ANIMALS/LIVESTOCK;" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Law Director has recommended that Chapter 505 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent, Section 505.19 titled "Farm Animals/Livestock" be amended to add a criminal penalty thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That Section 505.19 Farm Animals/Livestock be amended to read as follows (new language in bold):

As used in this chapter:

(a) Definitions.

- (1) "Chickens" and "fowl" include chickens, duck, geese and any other similar type of fowl.
- (2) "Domestic farm animals" includes sheep, goats, cattle, swine, and any other similar type of animal.
- (3) "Livestock" means horses, ponies, stallions, colts, geldings, mares, sheep, rams, lambs, bulls, bullocks, steers, heifers, cows, calves, mules, jacks, jennets, burros, goats, kids, swine and any animals normally found in the wild state which are being kept for exhibition purposes or as private pets. Not included are animals identified as "Dangerous Animals" as defined in Codified Ordinance 505.17.

(b) Permit Necessary. No person shall keep or harbor domestic farm animals or livestock within the City without having first obtained a permit from the Director of Public Safety. Such permit shall contain the name, age, breed, description and any special markings peculiar to such animals.

(c) Agricultural Exemption. Those property owners who have a minimum of two acres and are engaged in commonly approved agricultural practices are exempt from the permit requirements as stated above.

(d) Penalty Violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor of the third degree, unless the person has previously been convicted of a violation of this provision, in which case the offense shall be a misdemeanor of the first degree.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: June 17, 2020
Date

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Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: June 17, 2020
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL