

ORDINANCE NO. 5868

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AMC CHAPTER 6.10, KEEPING OF ANIMALS, TO ALLOW ALBANY RESIDENTS TO TEMPORARILY KEEP JUVENILE SWINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, AMC Title 6 currently contains regulations for a variety of domestic and farm animals; and

WHEREAS, swine are specifically prohibited from the types of animals allowed to be kept within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that certain restrictions can be imposed to allow juvenile swine to be kept for short periods for educational purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: AMC 6.10.010, Area requirements and number permitted.

The keeping of animals listed in this chapter for more than 72 hours shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) For poultry, fowl (including domestic and game birds raised for meat, eggs, breeding or other purposes) and rabbits, not more than two animals on any lot less than 7,000 square feet in area; for each additional animal there shall be an additional 3,000 square feet of lot area.
- (2) For horses, cows, sheep, and goats, one half-acre of open yard area shall be provided for each animal over the age of six months.
- (3) **For swine, a maximum of two animals under seven months of age shall be allowed on any lot of at least one acre for up to four consecutive months in a 12-month period for educational purposes.**
- ~~(3)~~(4) Persons desiring to keep more animals than permitted by this section may do so with approval of the City Manager only when written approval is obtained from the owners of all improved property contiguous to the applicant(s) and which is within 200 feet of any fence, hutch or pen containing animals.
- (5) To keep juvenile swine, as defined in (3), written approval shall be obtained from all owners of adjacent properties within 300 feet.**
- ~~(4)~~ (6) Permission granted by the City Manager is revocable by the City Council.

Section 2: AMC 6.10.020 Animal containment.

All animals covered in this chapter shall be contained entirely on private property under the control of the owner(s) of such animals and in accordance with the following additional provisions.

- (1) All poultry, fowl, and rabbits shall be contained within hutches, fences, or pens inaccessible to other predatory animals and set back a minimum of 10 feet from adjoining property lines and 20 feet from any public right-of-way.
- (2) Horses, cows, goats and sheep shall be contained within fences at least four feet in height, but not more than six feet in height. The fence shall be adequate to contain the animal and shall be maintained in good repair.
- (3) **Swine shall be kept within secure pens no less than 25 feet from adjacent property lines.**
- (4) No animal described in this chapter shall be contained by means of tethering, hobbling or by electric or barbwire fences.

Section 3: AMC 6.10.030 Miscellaneous provisions.

- ~~(1) Swine are not permitted within the City limits.~~

Section 4: In as much as this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the City of Albany, or to facilitate the prompt and timely completion of important City business, an emergency is hereby declared to exist; and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect when signed by the Mayor.

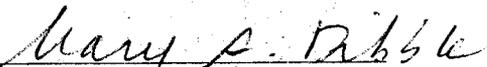
Passed by the Council: March 9, 2016

Approved by the Mayor: March 9, 2016

Effective Date: March 9, 2016

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Recorder