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ORDINANCE NO. 28

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AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF CERTAIN WILD ANIMALS AND REPTILES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF BETHEL HEIGHTS, ARKANSAS

SUE HODGES
Clerk and Recorder
BENTON COUNTY, ARK.

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Town Council of the Town of Bethel Heights, Arkansas, that the keeping of certain wild animals and reptiles within the town limits of the Town of Bethel Heights, Arkansas, creates a danger, disturbances, and offensive conditions to the citizens of Bethel Heights, and it is the opinion of the Town Council that the same should be prohibited.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED TOWN OF BETHEL HEIGHTS, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. PROHIBITION: It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain, sell, or have in his possession or under his control within the City any poisonous reptile or any other dangerous or carnivorous wild animal or reptile.

SECTION 2. SPECIFIC ANIMALS OR REPTILES PROHIBITED: It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain, sell, or have in his possession or under his control within the Town limits any of the following animals:

- 1) All poisonous animals, including rear-fang snakes.
- 2) Apes: Chimpanzees (Pan); gibbons (Hylobates); gorillas (Gorilla); orangutans (Pongo); and siamangs (Symphalangus).
- 3) Baboons (Papoi, Mandrillus).
- 4) Bears (Ursidae).

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- 5) Cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*).
- 6) Alligators and crocodilians (*Crocodylia*).
- 7) Snakes.
- 8) Coyotes (*Canis latrans*).
- 9) Elephants (*elephas* and *Loxodonta*).
- 10) Hippopotami (*Hippopotamidae*).
- 11) Hyenas (*Hyaenidae*).
- 12) Jaguars (*Panthera onca*).
- 14) Lions (*Panthera leo*).
- 15) Lynxes (*Lynx*).
- 16) Piranha fish (*Characidae*).
- 17) Pumas (*Felis concolor*); also known as cougars, mountain lions, and panthers.
- 18) Rhinoceroses (*Rhinocerotidae*).
- 19) Tigers (*Panthera tigris*).
- 20) Wolves (*Canis lupus*).
- 21) Skunks.

SECTION 3. Those animals and reptiles listed in the previous Section (Section 2) are specific animals or reptiles prohibited, but this ordinance is not limited to those animals or reptiles listed and any animal or reptile which meets the prohibition of Section 1 of this ordinance, although not listed in Section 2, is also prohibited.

SECTION 4. This ordinance does not apply to entertainment events approved by the Town Council in advance.

SECTION 5. Any person, firm, or corporation found violating any

provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$500.00, and each day that the animal or reptile remains within the town limits shall constitute a separate offense.

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SECTION 6. The Bethel Heights Town Council hereby determines that the sections listed above are essential to public welfare. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance being necessary for the public health, safety and welfare shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

REPEALING CLAUSE: Any ordinance in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of September, 1989.

TOWN OF BETHEL HEIGHTS, ARKANSAS

TO THE TOWN CLERK
FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORDINANCE AS PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1989.

BY: John Kendrick Mayor
JOHN KENDRICK, Mayor

ATTEST:
Glenda Avery, Town Recorder
TOWN RECORDER

