

ORDINANCE #7-A

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE KEEPING OF NON-DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND FOWL

Section I. It is unlawful for a person to own, possess, harbor, or offer for sale a non-domestic animal within the city limits. This section does not apply to service animals, and for those animals brought into the city as part of an operating zoo, veterinarian clinic, show or exhibition. Non-domestic animal may be as defined, but not limited to any horse, goat, cattle, sheep, swine, mule, jackass or domestic fowl like turkey, ducks or pigeons.

Section II. Farm Animals.

Subdivision 1. Keeping of farm animals. Farm animals may only be kept on parcels of land that are zoned agricultural and ten acres or more, with the exception that certain species of fowl may be kept on smaller parcels as specified below in Subdivision 2 of this section.

Subdivision 2. Agricultural land as used herein shall mean contiguous acreage of ten (10) acres or more, primarily used during the preceding year for agricultural purposes.

Subdivision 3. Variances from the provisions of this ordinance may be granted at the discretion of the City Council upon written application made to the City Council and permission first obtained.

Section III. Chickens.

Subdivision 1. Certain fowl allowed by permit. See Ordinance #8, the keeping of backyard chickens.

Section 4. Violations and/or penalties.

(A) Any person violating any sections of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

(B) If any person is found guilty by a court for violation of this Ordinance, their permit to own, keep, harbor, or have custody of non-domestic animals and fowl shall be deemed automatically revoked and no new permit may be issued for a period of one (1) year.

(C) Any person violating any conditions of this permit shall reimburse the City for all costs borne by the city to enforce the conditions of the permit including but not limited to the pickup and impounding of non-domestic animals and fowl.

Section 5. Effective date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage, approval and publication according to law. Any other ordinance that is inconsistent with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Stockton 22nd day of January, 2013.

Christopher Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Winchester, Clerk - Treasurer

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