

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO KEEPING ANIMALS AND FOWL.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS:

Section 1. **Amendment.** That Section 6-4 of the Code of the City of St. George, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-4.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, it shall be unlawful for the owner, lessee, occupant or person in charge of any premises in the city to possess and maintain any undomesticated animal or fowl, or permit to be maintained thereon any stable, shed, pen or other place where horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats or swine, or undomesticated animals or fowl are kept. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the maintaining of a stockyard, sales barn, veterinary hospital or slaughterhouse, if the location of any such business does not otherwise violate the zoning ordinances of the city.
- (b) Any person may apply to the Chief of Police for a permit to keep animals otherwise prohibited by subsection (a) of this section and the Chief of Police may grant such permit upon a finding that the request set forth in the application will otherwise comply with this ordinance, will not constitute a nuisance or otherwise be detrimental to the public welfare of the city, and upon payment of an annual permit fee established by the city. A permit will be required for each type of animal. A permit granted pursuant to this section shall be reviewed annually by the Chief of Police. References to the "Chief of Police" in this section also include any designee of the Chief of Police, including the code and zoning employee of the City.
- (c) All livestock weighing more than 40 pounds, except horses, stallions, colts, geldings, mares, fillies, ponies, miniature horses, mules, jacks, jennies and sheep must be kept in a fenced tract or lot that is at least one-third acre or more.
- (d) Horses, stallions, colts, gelding's mares, fillies, ponies, miniature horses, mules, jacks and jennies must be kept in a fenced tract or lot that is one acre or more.
- (e) Goats are permitted to one if you live in a residential area with a fenced yard of less than one-third acre. If you have a fenced tract or lot that is at least one-third acre or more you are permitted to have no more than three goats.

- (f) All crowing and non-crowing poultry must be kept on tracts or lots of at least one-half acre or more and are restricted to no more than 25 adult fowl. You may have one crowing and five non-crowing adult birds on less than one-half acre.
- (g) The permission to keep “livestock” animals in residential areas pursuant to the limitations outlined in this section can be revoked by the Chief of Police if there are two or more written complaints given by neighborhood residents, or if found to be a public nuisance.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS.



ATTEST:



ELIZABETH WAGONER
City Clerk



TIM PRALLE
Mayor