

ORDINANCE NO. 6508

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 205-11 OF THE PARSONS CITY CODE
ELIMINATING THE CITY'S BAN ON PITBULLS AS WELL AS ALLOWING
CERTAIN ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS UNDER LIMITED
CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Section 1. Section 205-11 of the Parsons City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 205-11. Prohibited Animals

- A. It shall be unlawful to keep, harbor, own or in any way possess within the corporate limits of the City:
- (1) Any warm-blooded, carnivorous or omnivorous, wild or exotic animal, as defined herein.
 - (2) Any animal having poisonous bites.
 - (3) Any fowl, other than domestic chickens and pigeons, except for caged birds kept as pets within a residence structure; provided, however, that domestic geese and domestic ducks may be kept on any pond, lake or waterway normally containing three acres feet of water or normally impounding water covering 1 1/2 acres of water surface area so long as the total population of fowl does not exceed eight in total number; provided, further, that the number prescribed above may be exceeded during the annual spring hatching season. When the hatchlings reach 10 weeks of age, the excess population shall be reduced on a pond known as "Prairie West Pond" to a total of two adult pair of domestic geese and two adult pair of domestic ducks. The excess population on all other qualified areas shall be reduced to four adult pairs of ducks and/or geese based upon the owner's preference. The City of Parsons shall be responsible for the population control of the domestic geese and ducks.
- B. Dangerous wild animals, wild animals, and exotic animal are allowed within the city only under the following circumstances:
- (1) During exhibitions or a temporary auction when under the direct supervision and presence of a person with the appropriate USDA license or the State of Kansas license, if any license is required under those circumstances, and in accordance with the requirements of either USDA or the State of Kansas;
 - (2) While being transported through the city during the normal course of traveling when under the direct supervision and presence of a person with the appropriate USDA license or State of Kansas license, if any license is required under those

circumstances, and in accordance with the requirements of either USDA or the State of Kansas; or,

(3) While being transported directly to or from a veterinary clinic in accordance with the requirements the USDA or State of Kansas, if any, and while being held at a veterinary clinic.

C. Violations and penalties. Any person violating or permitting the violation of any provision of this section shall, upon conviction in the Municipal Court, be fined a sum of not less than \$200 and not more than \$1,000. In addition to the fine imposed, the Court may sentence the defendant to imprisonment in county jail for a period not to exceed 30 days. In addition to the foregoing penalties, any person who violates this section shall pay all expenses, including shelter, food, handling, veterinary care and testimony, necessitated by enforcement of this section.


Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect on January 20, 2022 and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Parsons, this 20 day of Dec, 2021.



Tom Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robyn Baker, City Clerk