

# *St. Louis City Ordinance 62941*

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

BOARD BILL NO. [93] 116

INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN Geraldine Osborn

An ordinance pertaining to the raising and keeping of certain animals; amending Ordinance 62853, approved February 8, 1993 by repealing Section Two of said Ordinance, pertaining to definitions and Section Three pertaining to keeping more than four animals in a residential zone and enacting in lieu thereof two new sections pertaining to the same subject matter, and containing an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Sections Two and Three of Ordinance 62853 are hereby repealed.

Section Two. A new Section Two of Ordinance 62853 is hereby enacted which shall read as follows:

Section Two. Definitions. As used herein, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section:

(1) Adequate Care--normal and prudent attention to the needs of an animal, including wholesome food, clean water, shelter and health care as necessary to maintain good health in a specific species of animal;

(2) Adequate Control--reasonable restraint or governance of an animal so that it does not injure itself, any person, another animal, or property;

(3) Domestic Animal--a dog or cat, including any puppy or kitten, which is more than six weeks old.

(4) Commissioner--the Commissioner of the Health Division of the City of St. Louis Department of Health and Hospitals or his delegate.

(5) Farm Animal--any cattle, sheep, goat, swine, except for Vietnamese Pot Bellied Pigs which may be kept pursuant to Section Seven of this Ordinance.

(6) Kennel--any premises on which more than four animals are domiciled or otherwise kept, must obtain a graduated business license except for those persons obtaining a non-commercial kennel permit.

(7) Kept--a farm animal or domestic animal shall be considered to be kept on a premises if an owner or occupant of that premises, for a period of more than seven days, provides food and/or shelter for the animal, even if such person does not claim ownership of the animal.

(8) Non-Commercial Kennel Permit--a permit issued to an owner or keeper of no more than eight (8) domestic animals that are owned or kept for personal pets, and said domestic animals or their off-spring are not sold or offered for sale or used for breeding.

(9) Owner--Any person who provides food or shelter to a farm or domestic animal for more than seven consecutive days or who professes to own, keep or harbor an animal.

(10) Pot-Bellied Pig--a domestic Vietnamese pot-bellied pig.

(11) Research Facility--a laboratory operated by a college or university in which research is conducted using animals.

(12) Property Located Within a Residentially Zoned District--any parcel of property which the official zoning District Map, as it may be amended by the Board of Aldermen from time to time, shows as being located within an A, B, C, D or E zone. If a portion of a parcel is within one of said zones, the entire parcel shall be considered to be located within a residentially zoned district for purposes of this ordinance.

(13) Reptile--all turtles, lizards and non-poisonous snakes except boids over eight (8) feet in length.

(14) Veterinarian--an individual licensed to practice veterinary medicine by the State of Missouri.

(15) Veterinary Hospital--a premises at which one or more veterinarians provide treatment for sick and injured animals.

Section Three. A new Section Three of Ordinance 62853 is hereby enacted which shall read as follows:

Section Three. Prohibition Against Keeping More than Four Animals in a Residential Zone.

No person shall keep more than four domestic animals on any parcel of property located within a residentially zoned district, nor shall any person

permit or allow more than four domestic animals to be kept or domiciled on any such parcel of property; except that any person may keep more than four domestic animals but no more than eight domestic animals on any said parcel of property by obtaining a non-commercial kennel permit from the Health Commissioner. Any person that obtains a non-commercial kennel permit must contain said animals within the confines of the dwelling unit, or if said animals are taken outside or permitted outside, said animals must be kept in a fenced yard or leashed so as to prevent running at large. It shall not be a violation for more than four domestic animals to be domiciled or kept in a multi-family dwelling with more than four dwelling units if the total number of domestic animals in all units is not greater than the total number of units. It shall be the duty of the owner of a multi-family dwelling located within a residentially zoned district to ensure that said dwelling complies with the provisions of this ordinance. Nothing herein shall be construed to repeal the provision of the City's Exotic Animal Ordinance.

Section Four. The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective on the same day as the provisions of Ordinance 62853 become effective.

<b>Legislative History</b>				
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