

PAMLICO COUNTY

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE KEEPING OF WILD AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS

WHEREAS, Pamlico County may, by ordinance, prohibit the possession or harboring of animals which are dangerous to persons or property pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-131; and

WHEREAS, Pamlico County wishes to prohibit the possession or harboring of wild and dangerous animals which are dangerous to persons or property in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Pamlico County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

ARTICLE 1

Keeping of Wild and Dangerous Animals Unlawful

It shall be unlawful to possess, harbor, keep or cause to be kept wild and dangerous animals in Pamlico County. Wild and dangerous animals within Pamlico County as part of a bona fide circus or an educational event shall be exempt and limited to seven (7) days so long as such animal is confined within a secure building or enclosure or under restraint. Wild and dangerous animals are defined as wild animals which are dangerous to persons and property and include, but are not limited to: all felines (other than the domestic house cat), nonhuman primates, bears, wolves, coyotes, reptiles (poisonous, venomous, crushing and giant), and any crossbreed of such animals which have similar characteristics of the animals specified herein. An animal is considered wild if it is normally born and lives in a wild habitat, even though such species may be bred, raised, and kept in captivity. This ordinance shall not be interpreted to have the effect of permitting any activity or condition with respect to a wild animal which is prohibited or more severely restricted by regulations of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

ARTICLE 2

Penalty

Any individual or entity possessing, harboring, keeping or causing to be kept a wild and dangerous animal in Pamlico County in violation of this ordinance shall be required to remove the animal within twenty four (24) hours and such individual or principals of such entity shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and shall incur a fine of \$500 for each violation. Each day of a continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation.

ARTICLE 3
Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment, this the 3^d day of August, 2020.

BY: Pat Prescott
Pat Prescott, Chair
Pamlico County Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED:

Courtney L. Norfleet
Courtney L. Norfleet, Clerk
Pamlico County Board of Commissioners

