

## **Animal Ordinance**

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK, GALLINACEOUS BIRDS, BIRDS OF PREY, MAMMALS OF PREY, CROCODILIANS, POISONOUS SNAKES, AND NON-DOMESTICATED PRIMATES WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE TOWN OF JONESVILLE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Jonesville as follows:

WHEREAS some complaints have been received by Town Officials and employees concerning the keeping of livestock within the corporate limits of Jonesville; and

WHEREAS a public hearing was conducted before the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Jonesville on the 9th day of October, 2006, to get input from those concerned about the keeping of these animals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Jonesville as follows:

### Section 1. Definitions:

Gallinaceous Birds – species of birds including, but not limited to, chickens, ducks, geese, quail, pheasant, guineas, turkeys, grouse, and all domesticated and non-domesticated fowl.

Crocodylians – Including, but not limited to, any of various reptiles of the order Crocodylia (i.e. alligators, crocodiles and gavials)

Birds of Prey – Including, but not limited to, eagles, hawks, owls, and falcons.

Mammals of Prey- Including, but not limited to, large cats and bears.

Non-domesticated Primates – Including, but not limited to, monkeys, gorillas, and orangutans.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation with less than eight (8) acres of land upon which to keep the livestock to keep, harbor or maintain swine, mules, cattle, goats, horses, sheep, llamas, emus, gallinaceous birds, birds of prey, large mammals of prey, crocodylians, poisonous snakes, non-domesticated primates or other “livestock” within the city limits of the Town of Jonesville.

Section 3. EXCEPT for the keeping of swine, large mammals of prey, alligators, crocodylians, and non-domesticated primates in Section 2 above, this ordinance does not apply to the owners or occupants of any parcel of land consisting of at least eight (8) acres of land upon which to keep the livestock provided the land is contiguous and provided the owner maintains a 200 foot buffer between the livestock and all adjoining property lines. Excluding the buffer area, not more than 1 animal (s) classified as

livestock may be maintained for each acre of land inside the buffer area.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or maintain any swine, large mammals of prey, alligators, crocodilians, and non-domesticated primates within town limits of the Town of Jonesville.

Section 4. All persons, firms, or corporations now keeping or maintaining any livestock within the areas prohibited shall within 3 years of the effective date of this ordinance comply with all provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5. All persons, firms, or corporations now keeping or maintaining any livestock within areas which become subject to the provisions of this ordinance through the extension of corporate city limits, of said zoning district or districts, by ordinance extending said district by amendment to the present Zoning Map of the Town of Jonesville, shall within 3 years of the effective date of the expansion of said area comply with all provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain, keep or house any fowl within 200 feet of any residential or commercial building, school, or church, or other establishment.

Section 7. It shall be unlawful to permit any fowl, including but not limited to chickens, ducks, geese, pheasant, quail, grouse, turkeys, guineas, or other gallinaceous birds to run at large.

Section 8. Any gallinaceous birds kept within the city limits of the Town of Jonesville must be contained by a fence, building, or other enclosure that will ensure the birds will not run at large.

Section 9. Any gallinaceous birds found running at large may be taken into possession and/or destroyed by the Jonesville Police Department or Yadkin County Animal Control Department.

Section 10. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of the Ordinance shall, upon conviction be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) and/or imprisoned for not exceeding thirty (30) days, each day a person, firm, or corporation violates this ordinance shall be considered a separate offense.

Section 11. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the 9th day of October, 2006.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Jonesville, North Carolina.

ATTEST:

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Lindbergh Swaim, Mayor

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Glenda Gilliam, Town Clerk