

BILL NO. 34-2023

ORDINANCE NO. 1045

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 205 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE BY REPLACING SECTION 205.150 PROHIBITION OF THE KEEPING OF UNSANITARY AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TRUESDALE, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER 205 is hereby amended by replacing Section 205.150 Prohibition of the Keeping of Unsanitary and Dangerous Animals within the City Limits of the City of Truesdale and should read as follows:

- A. No person shall keep or permit the keeping of the following animals on premises owned or controlled by said person within the City limits of the City of Truesdale:
1. Hogs
  2. Pigs
  3. Cattle
  4. Mules
  5. Horses
  6. Goats
  7. Sheep
  8. Poisonous reptiles
  9. Warm-blooded carnivorous or omnivorous animals including, but not limited to, non-human primates twenty (20) pounds or over
  10. Raccoons
  11. Skunks
  12. Foxes
  13. Leopards
  14. Panthers
  15. Mountain Lions
  16. Lions
  17. Tigers
  18. Bears
  19. Crocodiles
  20. Alligators
  21. Bobcats/lynx
  22. Emus
  23. Ostriches
  24. Potbellied pigs
  25. Poultry (chickens, geese, turkeys, ducks) EXCEPT as stated in subsection B.

This Section shall not apply to zoos or zoological parks owned by the State of Missouri or political subdivisions thereof, traveling circuses being present in the City

for less than two (2) weeks of any calendar year, scientific or educational institutions, research laboratories, veterinary hospitals or validly licensed pet shops under applicable Federal, State and local laws. This Section shall also not apply to domestic animals namely dogs, cats, parakeets, canaries, cockatoos, myna birds, parrots, lovebirds or finches if not more than three (3) in number.

B. Chickens shall be allowed by permit as follows:


1. Up to Six (6) chickens per residence for non-commercial use.
2. The term "chicken" shall mean the genus of female chickens known as gallus gallus domesticus. The term "chicken" shall not mean the genus of male chickens known as gallus gallus domesticus and more commonly known as a rooster. In the event that chickens are acquired at an age when gender cannot be determined, any male chickens, also known as roosters, must be removed from the premises within ten (10) days of the date that the gender can be determined.
3. Chickens must be sufficiently contained to prevent them from running at large or comingling with other domesticated flocks or wild birds and have appropriate housing in the form of a coop that is reasonably sized, well-maintained, and absent of any rotting boards, peeling paint, or missing roof material.
  - i. No coops or other chicken enclosures may have roof material of temporary material such as tarping or plastic.
  - ii. Residents must still apply for all relevant permits and follow all relevant ordinances and property covenants, including but not limited to those related to fencing.
  - iii. Comingling of chickens from separate flocks shall not be allowed and is defined as chickens owned by two separate individuals being allowed within thirty feet (30') of each other.
4. Chickens may only be kept in the backyard of the property and their coop must be at least one hundred feet (100') from neighboring residences and twenty-five feet (25') from any lot line.
5. No chickens shall cause a nuisance or unsanitary conditions in smell or waste. No chicken waste shall leave the property line in run off or drainage.
6. The City of Truesdale shall have the right to cull a flock for health and safety purposes in accordance with health department guidelines, after issuing notice of intent to cull with property owner where a flock is located, and filing said notice with the municipal court. Notice to property owner shall be given in person, posted by City official, or sent by certified mail. A property owner wishing to object to flock culling shall file a written objection with the municipal court within ten (10) days of receiving notice. Property Owner shall be responsible for reasonable costs associated with culling of flocks located on their property.
7. Any residence wishing to have chickens shall apply for a permit with the City and shall provide documentation of applicable covenants and restrictions on their property. No permit shall be issued for properties barred from possessing chickens per covenants, restrictions, or bylaws.
8. Residents shall pay a non-refundable permit processing application fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

C. As of the ninth (9th) day of June 1999, anyone who has farm animals, i.e., hogs, pigs, cattle, mules, horses, goats or sheep shall be grandfathered in and as long as that property remains in the name of the present owner of said property.

D. Penalty. Any violation of this Section shall be liable for a fine of up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and/or a jail sentence of up to fifteen (15) days. Each day a violation continues shall be a separate offense. Any animal held on property in violation of this ordinance may be ordered to be removed at property owners or resident's expense or at expense of other person claiming control over said property and/or animal.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approve.

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

  
Jerry Cannon  
Mayor - City of Truesdale

Michael Thomas  
President of the Board of Aldermen

PASSED: August 23, 2023

APPROVED August 23, 2023

ATTEST: Eisa Smith-Franco  
City Clerk