



THE CITY OF PARIS, KY CODE OF ORDINANCES

TITLE 5: PUBLIC REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 51: ANIMALS

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§ 51.106 PIT BULL REGULATIONS

(A) It is hereby determined that pit bull dogs are potentially hazardous and unreasonably dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare to the citizens, residents and inhabitants of the city. In response to this determination the following restrictions on pit bull ownership will apply to all pit bull dogs within the city.

(B) No person living within the city will be permitted to own more than three (3) pit bull dogs licensed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Paris Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) approved pit bull dog foster homes registered with the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer shall be exempt from this regulation.

(C) When a pit bull dog is indoors the owner must secure all means of egress so that the dog may not exit.

(D) It shall be unlawful for any person to tether, fasten, chain, tie, restrain or cause a pit bull dog to be fastened, chained, tied or restrained to houses, trees, fences, garages or other stationary or highly immobile objects by means of a rope, chain, strap or other physical restraint for the purpose of confinement, except in circumstances where all of the following requirements are met:

(1) The tethering shall not be for more time than is necessary for the dog owner or custodian to complete a temporary task that requires the dog to be physically restrained and shall not exceed one (1) hour in any twenty-four (24) hour period.

(2) The dog must be tethered by a non-choke type collar or a body harness to a tether that is at least ten (10) feet in length and which tether is free from entanglement.

(3) The dog must have access to food, water and shelter as described below.

(4) The dog shall be monitored periodically.

(E) When the dog is outside and on the premises of the owner, a pit bull dog must be caged at all times secured in a barricaded containment area approved by the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer. The structure must have minimum dimensions of ten (10') feet by fifteen (15') feet, one hundred fifty (150 sq') square feet, must have secure sides and a secure top, or if without a top, six (6') foot tall with an angled top sides of fencing. If the structure does not have a concrete, cement, or asphalt bottom, the sides must be embedded in to the ground no less than two (2') feet. The enclosure must also provide the dog protection from the elements. The structure must also be constructed so that a child cannot penetrate the barricade with his or her hand.

(F) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit owners or others walking dogs off the premises of the owner with a hand held leash not longer than four (4') feet, in the control of an adult with physical ability to control the dog.

(G) It shall be unlawful to breed pit bull dogs within the city limits of the city.

(H) There is hereby imposed on the owners of pit bull dogs a city license fee equal to sixteen (\$16.00) dollars, which shall be obtained when the dog reaches six (6) months of age, and annually thereafter.

(I) The owner, or any person in possession, of every pit bull dog born or brought into the city shall, on or before the pit bull dog reaches six (6) months of age, or has been present in the city of thirty (30) days if over six (6) months old when brought into the city, shall be responsible for the spaying or neutering of such dog. Proof of such condition shall be in the form of a certificate from a licensed veterinarian.

(Ord. 2008-2, passed 5-13-08)

§ 51.107 REGISTRATION AND SPECIAL PERMITS FOR PIT BULL DOGS

(A) From and after the effective date of this section, no person shall own or possess, or buy, sell, or trade, or otherwise transfer ownership or possession of a pit bull dog which has not been registered and obtained a permit pursuant to this section.

(B) The owner, or any person in possession of every pit bull dog born or brought into the city shall register that dog with the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer or authorized agent. No pit bull dog shall be issued a permit pursuant to this section until that dog has been properly registered with the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer or authorized agent. As a condition of initial registration, as well as each annual permit renewal, the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer or authorized agent shall require the owner of the pit bull dog to furnish the following:

(1) The name and address of the owner; or person in possession;

(2) The location where the Pit Bull dog will be kenneled or housed; and

(3) A certificate from a veterinarian, or other documentation satisfactory to the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer or authorized agent, that the pit bull dog has had a microchip inserted, which microchip shall meet the standards for microchips approved by the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer or authorized agent, and proof of spaying or neutering in the form of a certificate from a licensed veterinarian.

(C) Registration required under this section shall be renewed annually, as the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer or authorized agent shall provide. All requirements for initial registration shall also apply to annual renewals.

(D) The registered location of any pit bull dog shall not be changed for any period in excess of three (3) days without notification to the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer or authorized agent. The owner or person in possession of any pit bull dog which is stolen, or which escapes from or strays from its enclosure, shall immediately upon such occurrence notify the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer or authorized agent.

(E) The owner or person in possession of any pit bull dog shall not be changed without immediate notification to the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer or authorized agent.

(F) The Bourbon County Animal Control Officer or authorized agent shall charge a fee for the annual registration and permitting of pit bull dogs, as set out in § [51.106](#).

(G) Law enforcement agencies and officers and kennels shall be exempt from the registration and licensing requirements of this section.

(H) Owners of pit bull dogs shall have ninety (90) days from the effective date of this section to comply with this section.

(I) The license fee requirements of this section will be administered by the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer, and all fees generated thereby shall inure to the Office of the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer to defray the expenses of administering this section.

(J) At the end of each calendar month during which city pit bull dog licenses are issued, the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer will notify the city Police Department of all licenses so issued, the location of the premises upon which the animal is kept, and that the facilities meet the requirements of the ordinance for keeping a pit bull dog.

(K) The owner, or in the event the owner is a minor, the owner's parent or guardian, of a pit bull dog shall obtain and keep in force homeowner's or renter's liability insurance, in an amount of not less than one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars, protecting against injury or death caused by a dog.

(Ord. 2008-2, passed 5-13-08)

§ 51.108 POSSESSION OF PIT BULL DOGS BY CERTAIN PERSONS

(A) *Additional definitions for this section:*

(1) "*CONFINEMENT TERM*" means the period during which a person is incarcerated in prison.

(2) "*FELONY*" shall have the meaning of "*VIOLENT FELONY*" as found in KRS 532.200(3), and for "*Trafficking in Controlled Substance Felony*" as found in KRS Chapter 218A.

(B) *Applicability.* A person is subject to the requirements and penalties of this section if any of the following apply:

(1) He or she has been convicted of a felony in this state and was serving a confinement term for that conviction within the preceding ten (10) years; or he or she has been convicted of a crime elsewhere that would be a felony if committed in this state and was serving a confinement term for that conviction within the preceding ten (10) years.

(2) He or she has been convicted of a felony in this state within the preceding ten (10) years.

(3) Within the preceding ten (10) years, he or she has been convicted of a crime elsewhere that would be a felony if committed in this state.

(4) He or she is on extended supervision as part of a sentence following a conviction for the felony or is on parole or probation following the conviction for the felony.

(5) He or she is on a supervised status following a conviction for a crime elsewhere that would be a felony if committed in this state.

(6) He or she has been adjudicated delinquent within the preceding ten (10) years for an act that if committed by an adult in this state would be a felony.

(7) He or she has been found not guilty, by reason of insanity or mental disease, defect, or illness within the preceding ten (10) years of a serious felony, or a crime elsewhere that would be a felony if committed in this state.

(8) Any person who has twice been convicted of a violation of this chapter.

(C) *Prohibitions.* A person specified in subsection (B) above may not possess, control, or reside with any pit bull dog, nor with any dog with a weight greater than twenty-five (25) pounds.

(Ord. 2008-2, passed 5-13-08)

§ 51.109 SEIZURE OF PIT BULL DOGS

When there is probable cause to believe that any pit bull dog is kept in violation of these Code of Ordinances, the dog may be lawfully seized by the Bourbon County Animal Control Officer or other appropriate law enforcement. The dog shall be then housed with the Paris Animal Welfare Society, or at a location of its designation. The owner of the dog shall be charged the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each day that the dog is in the custody or direction of the Paris Animal Welfare Society. No dog shall be permitted to be returned to the owner until such time as the owner demonstrates compliance with these sections of the Paris Code of Ordinances.

(Ord. 2009-9, passed 7-28-09)

ARTICLE III. WILD ANIMALS

§ 51.200 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this article, the following definitions shall apply unless the context indicates or clearly requires a different meaning.

“*DANGEROUS ANIMAL.*” Any species of animal capable of inflicting serious physical harm or death to human beings because of its nature or physical makeup, including any pet, wildlife, or any hybrid animal which has attacked a human or which is apprehended or observed unrestrained, including, but not limited to, the provisions set forth in 301 KAR 2:082.

“*WILD ANIMALS.*” Any species of animal not normally domesticated by man, including, but not limited to the provisions set forth in 301 KAR 2:082.

(Ord. 98-1, passed 3-10-98)

§ 51.201 KEEPING OF PROHIBITED

The keeping of wild animals within any area of the county is hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful. This section shall not apply to any zoological garden accredited by the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, appropriately licensed theatrical exhibits, carnivals or circuses, any authorized wildlife rehabilitation or licensed veterinary hospital for the purpose of treating injured animals, or any federally licensed research institution.

(1976 Code, § 4-4; Am. Ord. 97-24, passed 9-16-97)

Cross reference:

Penalty for violation, see [§ 51.999](#)

§ 51.202 EXHIBITIONS PROHIBITED

Exhibitions of wild or vicious animals for display or for exhibition purposes, whether gratuitously or for a fee, is prohibited, unless the exhibition is licensed or permitted.

(Ord. 97-24, passed 9-16-97)

§ 51.203 USE OF TRAPS OR HUNTING ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY PROHIBITED

(A) *Definitions.* As used in this section unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) “*FISHING.*” To take or attempt to take fish in any manner, and shall include the gigging or grabbing of fish, turtles and frogs.

(2) “*GIGGING.*” The taking of fish, turtles or frogs by spearing or impaling on any pronged or barbed instrument attached to the end of a rigid object.

(3) "*GRABBING.*" The taking of fish, turtles or frogs directly by hand or with the aid of a handled hook.

(4) "*HUNTING.*" To take or attempt to take in any manner.

(5) "*TAKE.*" Includes pursuing, shooting, hunting, trapping or snaring wildlife in any way and any lesser act designed to lure, attract or entice for these purposes; and to place, set, aim or use any device, animal, substance or agency which may reasonably be expected to accomplish these acts; or to attempt to do these acts or to assist any other person in the doing of or attempt to do these acts.

(6) "*WILDLIFE.*" Any normally undomesticated animal, alive or dead, including without limitations any wild mammal, bird, fish, reptile, amphibian or other terrestrial or aquatic life, whether or not possessed in controlled environment, bred, hatched, or born in captivity and including any part, product, egg, or offspring thereof, protected or unprotected by this section.

(B) *Activity prohibited.*

(1) It shall be illegal for any person to set, use or maintain any trap or snare for the purpose of taking wildlife on any property owned by the city, including but not limited to city parks.

(2) It shall be illegal for any person to hunt by means of any gun, including any firearm which uses ammunition, black powder, air or other propelled discharge, or by means of any bow-and-arrow or cross-bow or other method for the purpose of taking wildlife on any property owned by the city, including but not limited to city parks.

(3) It shall not be unlawful to engage in fishing activities on any property owned by the city, including but not limited to city parks, however, said fishing activities must be performed in accordance with applicable Commonwealth of Kentucky wildlife regulations and any other applicable law.

(C) *Impoundment.* Any trap or snare set, used or maintained in violation of this section and any gun, including any firearm which uses ammunition, black powder, air or other propelled discharge, and any bow-and-arrow or cross-bow, used in violation of this section, may be subject to impoundment by the city until resolution of the matter, including any court proceedings, or until otherwise agreed to by the city. Additionally, any wildlife possessed or obtained in violation of this section may be subject to impoundment by the city until resolution of the matter, including any court proceedings, or until otherwise agreed to by the city.

(D) *Exemption.* Any city employee or person acting under the authority of the city shall be exempt from the prohibitions of this section, when acting for a legitimate governmental purpose to protect the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the city.

(E) *Penalty.* Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per violation. Each trap set, used or maintained and each discharge of a gun, including any firearm which uses ammunition, black powder, air or other propelled discharge, and including bow-and-arrow and cross-bow, shall be a separate offense. (Ord. 2012-2, passed 2-14-12)

Statutory reference:

Traps, tagging of traps and penalty provisions, see KRS 150.010, 150.400, 150.410, 150.990

ARTICLE IV. ENFORCEMENT

§ 51.300 CITATIONS; CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

(A) Any peace officer, or any enforcement officer so authorized, may issue a citation, or secure a criminal complaint, specifying the section or sections of this chapter violated, and indicate the specific nature of the violation, to any person violating any provisions of this chapter. If the charge is by citation or criminal complaint, the owner or keeper is obligated to appear to answer the charges specified at the Bourbon County District Court at the time and place indicated.

(B) This section is in addition to KRS 525.125 or KRS 525.130 and does not preclude appropriate authorities or individuals from filing criminal charges under those statutes, which relate to cruelty to animals.
(Ord. 97-24, passed 9-16-97)

Cross reference:

Penalty for violation, see [§ 51.999](#)

§ 51.999 PENALTY

(A) Any person who violates the provisions of [§§ 51.006](#) or [51.202](#), shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisonment for a term not to exceed twelve (12) months, or both, for each offense. Each offering or giving away of an animal under the provisions of [§ 51.006](#) shall be deemed a separate offense.

(B) Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter for which no other penalty is specifically provided shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or confined in the Bourbon County Detention Center for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court. Any fines, less the court cost, shall be payable to the Bourbon Animal Shelter for the operation of the animal shelter.

(C) Any person who commits a violation of this chapter for a second time within any five (5) year period shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisonment for a term not to exceed twelve (12) months, or both, for each offense.
(Ord. 97-24, passed 9-16-97; Am. Ord. 2009-9, passed 7-28-09)