

**Spencer County, Kentucky**  
**Ordinance No. 11**  
**Fiscal Year 2007 Series**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A  
BAN ON KEEPING OF WILDLIFE**

**Whereas**, the Fiscal Court of Spencer County, Commonwealth of Kentucky has determined it necessary to provide regulations regarding possession of wildlife,

**Now Therefore, Be It Ordained** by the Fiscal Court of Spencer County, that:

**Section 1: Definitions.**

As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

- **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 chapter.

**Section 2: Keeping of wildlife.**

The keeping or holding of wildlife that have been identified by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource as inherently dangerous to human health and safety 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 rehabilitator or licensed veterinary hospital for purposes of treating injured animals, or any federally-licensed research institution.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has declared the following species of wildlife to be inherently dangerous to human health and safety:

- (1) African buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*);
- (2) Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibius*);
- (3) Hyenas (family *Hyaenidae*), all species except aardwolves (*Proteles cristatus*);
- (4) Honey badger or ratel (*Mellivora campensis*)
- (5) Old world badger (*Meles meles*);



- (6) Lions, jaguars, leopards, or tigers (genus *Panthera*);
- (7) Clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*);
- (8) Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*);
- (9) Elephants (family Elephantidae);
- (10) Rhinoceroses (family Rhinocerotidae);
- (11) Gibbons or siamangs (family Hylobatidae);
- (12) Orangutans, chimpanzees, or gorillas (family Pongidae);
- (13) Baboons, drills, or mandrills (genus *Papio*);
- (14) Macaques (genus *Macaca*);
- (15) Gelada baboon (*Theropithecus gelada*);
- (16) Gavials (family Gavialidae);
- (17) Crocodiles (family Crocodylidae);
- (18) Alligators or caimans (family Alligatoridae);
- (19) Sea snakes (family Hydrophidae);
- (20) Cobras or coral snakes (family Elapidae);
- (21) Adders or vipers (family Viperidae);
- (22) Venomous rear-fanged species (family Colubridae);
- (23) Gila monsters or beaded lizards (family Helodermatidae);
- (24) Komodo dragon (*Varanus komodoensis*);
- (25) The following constricting snakes over eight (8) feet in length:  
Boa constrictor (*Boa constrictor*) all subspecies;  
Anaconda (*Eunectes murinus*);  
Indian python (*python Molurus*);  
Reticulated python (*python Reticulus*); or  
Rock python (*python Sebae*);
- (26) Bears (family Ursidae);
- (27) **Wolf** or **wolf** hybrids of over twenty-five (25) percent **wolf**; or
- (28) Cougar or mountain lion (*Felis concolor*).



**Section 3: Penalties.**

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and shall upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or be imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or both, so fined and imprisoned. If any violation is continuous, each day's violation shall be deemed a separate violation.

**Section 4. Severability.**

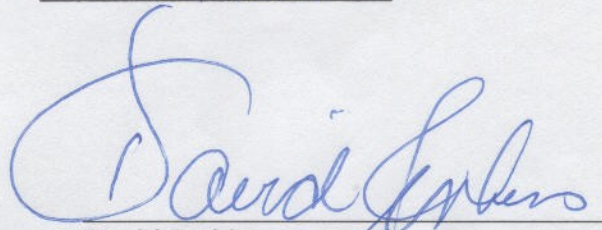
The provisions of each section of this Ordinance are severable, and if any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or part thereof, or the application thereof to any person, license, class or group, be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not affect or impair the remainder of this Ordinance, it being the legislative intent of the Fiscal Court to ordain and enact each provision, section, paragraph, sentence and part thereof, separately and independently of every other.

**Section 5: Effective.**

This ordinance shall become effective on Jan 8, 2007, after its passage and publication as required by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

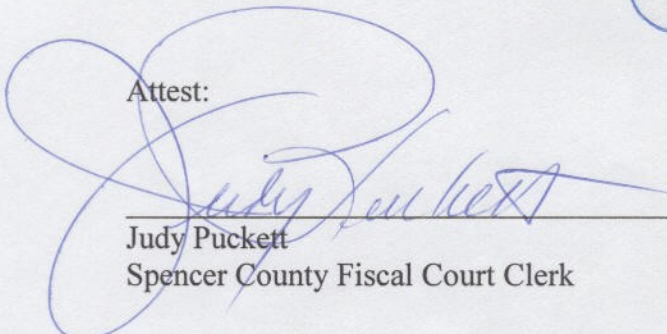
Given first reading and approval on Dec. 4, 2006.

Given second reading and adoption on Jan 8, 2007.



David Jenkins  
Spencer County Judge Executive

Attest:



Judy Puckett  
Spencer County Fiscal Court Clerk