

**CITY OF CEDAR SPRINGS
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
(Ordinance No. 249)**

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Cedar Springs held at City Hall on March 14, 2024 and commencing at 7 pm, the following Ordinance was offered for adoption by Council Member **Conley** and was seconded by Council Member **Marvel**:

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 32-652 ENTITLED
“KEEPING OF ANIMALS” TO CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF CEDAR SPRINGS**

THE CITY OF CEDAR SPRINGS (“City”) ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 32, Article I, Section 32-2. Chapter 32, Article I, Section 32-2 is amended to include the following definitions that are inserted in alphabetical order:

Animal, Container. Domestic animals (such as fish, turtles, frogs, toads, guinea pigs, gerbils, birds, reptiles, and the like) normally and customarily kept at all times within a container providing the appropriate habitat.

Animal, Household. Any domestic animal normally and customarily allowed within, and generally allowed to run freely throughout, the same dwelling unit as the human occupants for pleasure and companionship such as dogs, cats, ferrets, and rabbits.

Animal, Wild or Exotic. Any animal that is not typically domesticated or found on farms or in residential homes, but which are typically found in the wild, zoos, circuses, wildlife sanctuaries or nature preserves.

Section 2. Addition of Chapter 32, Article IV, Division 2, Section 32-652. Chapter 32, Article IV, Division 2, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Cedar Springs is amended to include a new Section 32-562 entitled “Animals” that reads in its entirety as follows.

Sec. 32-652 - Animals

It is recognized that the keeping of an unlimited number of domestic animals within residential areas for a considerable period of time detracts from, and in many instances, is detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare in such areas. Therefore, the keeping of the following domestic animals is permitted, subject to the following regulations and limitations:

(a) *Animals on Property.* No person shall keep or house on any property within the city any animal except as provided for below:

(1) No person may own, harbor, or possess on any property within the city more animals than

they are capable of providing adequate care for

- (2) Container animals may be kept within a dwelling without limitation.
 - (3) Not more than a combination of six household animals, and in no case more than four dogs, may be kept in a dwelling, except that a litter of newborns such as puppies or kittens may be kept for a period not exceeding four (4) months from birth, provided that no more than two (2) such litters shall be permitted on a property within any consecutive 12-month period.
 - (4) No person shall permit any animal or fowl to enter business places where food is sold for human consumption, except for leader, guide, hearing and service dogs as required by MCL 750.502c, except as otherwise permitted by law.
 - (5) This section shall not apply to honeybees kept in accordance with the city's beekeeping regulations.
- (b) Individuals seeking to keep more than four dogs on a premises must seek special land use approval for a kennel/animal boarding facility in accordance with this Ordinance.
 - (c) In no case shall wild or exotic animals be kept as pets in the City.
 - (d) The keeping of animals in the City shall comply with the Kent County Animal Control Ordinance, as amended, and all other applicable local, state, or federal rules or regulations.

Section 3. Amendment of Chapter 32, Article VIII, Section 32-697 (e). Amendment of Chapter 32, Article VIII, Section 32-697 (e) is amended to include a new subsection (4) which reads as follows:

- (4) Kennels shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Kent County Animal Control Ordinances, and all other applicable local, state, and federal requirements.

Section 4. Conflict.

- (a) Nothing in this Ordinance is to be construed to conflict with existing City ordinances except as otherwise stated herein.
- (b) Nothing in this Ordinance is to be construed to conflict with the law of the State of Michigan.

Section 5. Repealer. Any existing ordinance or resolution that is inconsistent or conflicts with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 6. Savings Clause. This Ordinance and the various parts, sections, subsections, sentences, phrases, and clauses thereof are hereby declared severable. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, phrase, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby. The captions included

at the beginning of each Section are for convenience only and shall not be considered a part of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance is effective upon its publication in the manner required by law.

YEAS: Conley, Gross, Marvel, Powell, Winters, and Atchison.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: Race.

ORDINANCE NO. 249 ADOPTED

Lisa Atchison
Mayor, City of Cedar Springs

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the City Council for the City of Cedar Springs, Kent County, Michigan, at a meeting of the City Council duly called and held on March 14, 2024

By:

Rebecca Johnson
City Clerk, City of Cedar Springs

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