

ORDINANCE NO. 2558**AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE KEEPING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS  
IN THE CITY OF CUDAHY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cudahy regulates animals kept within the City in Chapter 4 of the City of Cudahy Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4-3 of the City Code prohibits the keeping, maintaining, or possessing of certain animals within the City of Cudahy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator recommended that the Common Council revise this Section of the City Code, to create a general prohibition on the keeping, maintaining, or possessing of animals that are not expressly permitted by the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the City Administrator recommended that revisions to Section 4-1 be incorporated to clarify what animals are expressly permitted to be kept in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cudahy Common Council finds that it is in the best interest of the health, general welfare, and safety of residents of the City of Cudahy to create a general prohibition for the keeping, maintaining, or possessing of all animals within the City of Cudahy, and to clarify the animals that are expressly permitted to be kept within the City of Cudahy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Common Council of City of Cudahy, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 4 of the City of Cudahy Municipal Code entitled "Animals," Article I entitled "In General," Section 4-1 entitled "Animals and Birds, Keeping Of," Subsection (f) entitled "Exceptions" is hereby retitled "Animals Allowed," and is repealed and re-created as follows:

(f) *Animals Allowed.* The following animals are allowed in the City:

- (1) Dogs (*canis familiaris*), cats (*felis domesticus*), subject to the limitations in Section 4-16 of the City Code.
- (2) Parakeets, cockatoos and cockatiels: No more than 4 total in any combination
- (3) Tropical fish: No limitation.
- (4) Turtles weighing less than one pound: No limitation.
- (5) Parrots: No more than 2 total.
- (6) Nonvenomous snakes capable of growing to five feet even or less at maturity: No more than 2 total in any combination. Snakes capable of growing to more than five feet even at maturity are prohibited except as may be allowed under section 4-2.
- (7) Nonvenomous lizards capable of growing to no more than three feet at maturity: No more than 2 total in any combination. Lizards capable of growing to more than three feet at maturity are prohibited except as may be allowed under section 4-2.
- (8) Gerbils, guinea pigs, rabbits, rats and mice: No more than 5 total in any combination.
- (9) Frogs, toads, geckos, salamanders: No more than 10 total in any combination.
- (10) Such other animals as the board of health may from time to time determine do not pose a danger. All such animals determined by the city council after

recommendation by the board of health that do not pose a danger shall be exempt from the provisions of this section on adoption of a resolution reflecting the board's determination and publication of the board's determination on the city's web site and posting for 30 days at city hall.

(11) Bees: Only upon the issuance of a permit under Section 4-7(c) and pursuant to the conditions set forth in Section 4-7(d) of the City Code.

(12) Chickens: Only upon the issuance of a permit under Section 4-100 and pursuant to the conditions set forth in Section 4-102 of the City Code.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 4 of the City of Cudahy Municipal Code entitled "Animals," Article I entitled "In General," Section 4-3 entitled "Wild Animals," Subsection (a) is hereby repealed and re-created as follows:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or have in their possession or under their control within the city any animal not expressly permitted in Section 4-1(f) of the City Code.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** The several sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable, such decision shall apply only to the specific section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision, and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections, or portion thereof of the ordinance. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Any other ordinance whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Cudahy, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

CITY OF CUDAHY

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Kenneth Jankowski, Mayor

Attest:

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Kelly Sobieski  
Director of Office Services,  
City Clerk/Treasurer

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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