AMENDED ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF WILD ANIMALS

WHEREAS, this Order is adopted in accordance with law, including Chapter 240 as amended, Texas Local Government Code, and Subchapter E of Chapter 822 as amended, Texas Health and Safety Code permitting the Commissioners Court to prohibit or regulate the ownership, possession, confinement, or care of certain animals in the County; and

WHEREAS, this Order applies in all areas of the unincorporated areas of Caldwell County, Texas, including areas within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Court finds that certain non-domestic animals pose a danger both to the residents and to the domestic animals in Caldwell County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of Caldwell County, Texas, having considered this matter and having considered all applicable laws, hereby finds and determines that the following wild animals are dangerous and in need of control in Caldwell County, Texas, and that the keeping, ownership, possession, confinement, and/or care of the following wild animals in Caldwell County, Texas, should be, and is, prohibited.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Caldwell County, Texas that the keeping, ownership, possession, confinement, and/or care of the following wild animals, whether one or more, which the Commissioners' Court hereby determines are dangerous and in need of control in Caldwell County, Texas, is prohibited in Caldwell County, Texas and in all areas of the unincorporated areas of Caldwell County, Texas, including areas within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of municipalities:

lions, tigers, ocelots, cougars, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, bobcats, lynx, servals, caracals, hyenas, bears, coyotes, jackals, baboons, chimpanzees, orangutans, gorillas, elephants, wolves, rhinoceroses, non-indigenous venomous snakes or snakes and reptiles that pose a danger to the public due to their size or manner in which they are being kept, and any non-domestic animal that the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County determines is dangerous and is in need of control in Caldwell County, excluding wild livestock.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Caldwell County, Texas that a person who keeps, owns, possesses, confines, and/or cares for, in Caldwell County, Texas, an animal prohibited by this Order, commits an offense. A person commits an offense if the person fails to comply with any portion of this Order; such an offense is a Class C misdemeanor. Each animal with respect to which there is a violation and each day that a violation continues is a separate offense. Any person keeping a wild/dangerous animal in violation of this Order or the provisions of the Health and Safety Code Chapter 822, is subject to the penalty provisions provided in those applicable sections of the Health and Safety Code.

The Criminal District Attorney or another attorney representing the County may file an action in a District Court to enjoin a violation or a threatened violation of this Order.

CONSIDERED, ADOPTED, MADE, ORDERED, SIGNED, AND DONE IN OPEN MEETING AND OPEN COURT by vote of the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on this the 2 day of 2016.

Ken Schawe, County Judge

Alfredo Muñoz, Commissioner, Precinct 1

Neto Madrigal, Commissioner, Precinct

Edward Moses, Commissioner, Precinct 2

Jee Ivan Roland, Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Carol Holcomb, County Clerk

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Order Prohibiting the Keeping of Wild Animals

WHEREAS, this Order is adopted in accordance with LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, Section 240,002, as amended;

WHEREAS, this Order applies in the unincorporated areas of the county;

WHEREAS, the Court finds that certain non-domestic animals pose a danger both to the residents and to the domestic animals in Caldwell County;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County that the keeping of the following wild animals is prohibited in Caldwell County:

Lions, tigers, ocelots, cougars, leopards, cheetah, jaguars, bobcats, lynx, servals, caracals, hyenas, bears, coyotes, jackals, baboons, chimpanzees, orangutans, gorillas, and hybrids of these animals.

A person who harbors or keeps in Caldwell County an animal prohibited by this Order commits an offense. An offense is a Class C misdemeanor. The County Attorney or another attorney representing the County may file an action to enjoin a violation or a threatened violation of this Order.

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Adopted this 24 day of October 2001, by a vote of ____ ayes and ______ nays.

T. Wright, County Judge

ATTEST:

Nina S. Sells, County Clerk

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2016.06.27.16 Discussion/Action regarding overtime in the Unit Road Department. Cost: TBD; Speaker: Judge Schawe; Backup: None.