

ORDINANCE NO. 2384

AN ORDINANCE adopting a new Chapter 6.20 prohibiting the possession of exotic animals within the City of Camas and deleting Section 6.08.170.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

A new Chapter 6.20 is hereby adopted to the Camas Municipal Code, as follows:

Section 6.20.010 - Definition

“Exotic animal” means any animal which, when in its wild state, or due to its size, habits, natural propensities, training or instinct, presents a danger or potential danger to human beings and is capable of inflicting serious physical harm upon human beings, and includes inherently dangerous mammals and reptiles as follows:

1. “Inherently dangerous mammal” means any live member of the canidae, felidae, or ursidae families, including hybrids thereof, which, due to their inherent nature, may be considered dangerous to humans, and which includes:

- a. Canidae, including any member of the dog (canid) family not customarily domesticated by man, or any hybrids thereof, including wolf hybrids which are a cross between a wolf and domestic dog, but not including domestic dogs (*Canis familiaris*). Common names include wolf, coyote, jackal, hyena, fox, and all their hybrids;
- b. Felidae, including any member of the cat family weighing over fifteen pounds and not customarily domesticated by man, or any hybrids thereof, but not including domestic cats (*Felis catus*);
- c. Ursidae, including any member of the bear family, or any hybrids thereof;

2. “Inherently dangerous reptile” means any live member of the class reptilia which:

- a. Is venomous, including but not necessarily limited to, all members of the following families: Helodermidae (Beaded Lizards including Gila Monster, Mexican Beaded Lizard); Viperidae (Vipers and Adders); Crotalidae (Pit Vipers); Atracaspidae (Mole Vipers); Hydrophilidae (Sea Snakes); and Elapidae (Cobras); or
- b. Is a “rear fanged” snake of the family Colubridae (rear fanged snakes) that are known to be dangerous to humans, including, but not necessarily limited to, all members of the following families: *Dispholidus typus* (Boom-slang Snake); *Thebtonis kirtlandii* (Twig Snake); and *Rhabdophis ssp.* (Speckled Belly Keelback and Red Necked Keelback); or
- c. Is a member of the order of Crocodylia (crocodiles, alligators, and caiman) over two feet in length.

Section 6.20.020 - Exotic Animals — Possession Prohibited

Except as may be authorized pursuant to Section 6.20.030 herein, it is unlawful for any person to bring into the city, or to possess or maintain within the city, any exotic animal as defined in Section 6.20.010.

Section 6.20.030 - Exotic Animals - Public Displays Exempted

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the display of exotic animals by American Zoological Association accredited institutions, or by the Association of Sanctuaries.

Section 6.20.040 - Violation — Penalty

Any person violating any of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a period of ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section II

Section 6.08.170 of the Camas Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section III

This ordinance shall be published according to law, and shall take force and effect on January 1, 2005.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

SIGNED: Paul Davis  
Mayor

ATTEST: John M. Augin  
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:  
[Signature]  
City Attorney