

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 4-384-020 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

4-384-020 Animal care – License required when – Permit required for temporary animal exhibitions.

(a) No person shall engage in the business of a grooming facility, guard dog service, pet shop, animal care facility, humane society, veterinary hospital or permanent animal exhibition without having first obtained an animal care license under this chapter; provided, however, that an animal care facility may, under that license, groom cats or dogs without a grooming facility license.

(b) No person shall engage in the business of temporary animal exhibition without first having obtained a permit to do so under Section 7-12-185.

(c) For purposes of this section, the terms "permanent" and "temporary" shall have the meaning ascribed to those terms in the definition of "animal exhibition" as set forth in Section 4-384-010.

(d) Notwithstanding anything in this Chapter to the contrary, no license for a permanent animal exhibition, and no permit for a temporary animal exhibition, may be issued:

(1) if the proposed exhibition will endanger the public or create an imminent hazard to the health of the animals included in such exhibition or violate any other provision of this Chapter or Section 7-12-290; or

(2) for organizing or engaging in any of the following activities for amusement or entertainment: steer tailing, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, or any other activity that involves physically wrestling an animal to the ground, roping an animal, or attempting to ride and remain mounted on a bucking animal.

SECTION 2. Section 7-12-185 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

7-12-185 Temporary animal exhibitions – permit required.

(Omitted text in unaffected by this ordinance)

(d) Upon being satisfied that a permit application is complete and meets the requirements of this section, and that the proposed exhibition will not endanger the public or create an imminent hazard to the health of the animals included in such exhibition or violate any provision of Section 7-12-290 or Chapter 4-384, the Executive Director shall issue the permit. The permit shall be valid only for the exhibition as described on the application. If the Executive Director denies the permit, the Executive Director shall inform the applicant in writing, stating the reasons for the denial.

(Omitted text in unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 3. Section 7-12-290 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored and deleting the language struck through, as follows:

7-12-290 Cruelty to animals – Fines.

No person shall do any of the following:

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(i) Organize or engage in any of the following activities for amusement or entertainment: steer tailing, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, or any other activity that involves physically wrestling an animal to the ground, roping an animal, or attempting to ride and remain mounted on a bucking animal.

In cases where the violation of this section creates a danger to the public health and safety or to the health and welfare of an animal, the Executive Director may cause the animal to be impounded until such time that the conditions that caused the danger are corrected. If the owner fails to correct the conditions within 7 days of the impoundment of the animal, the animal shall become the property of the Department. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to obtain the necessary legal process to allow him or her to enter or to cause to have entered any building or premises to remove and impound such animal. An animal control officer or police officer who has probable cause to believe that subsection (d) of this section is being violated shall have authority to enter a motor vehicle by any reasonable means under the circumstances after making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person responsible.

~~—(j)—~~Any person who ~~shall violates~~ any provision of subsections (a) or (h) shall be fined not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$5,000.00 for each offense plus forfeiture of the animal; any person who ~~shall violates~~ any other provision of this section shall be fined not less than \$300.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for each offense. Each day that such violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect 10 days after passage and publication.


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