

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF FAYETTE §

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF FAYETTE COUNTY, TEXAS
PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF WILD ANIMALS**

WHEREAS, this Order is adopted in accordance with law, including Chapter 240 as amended, Local Government Code, and Subchapter E of Chapter 822 as amended, Health and Safety Code; and

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the Commissioners' Court of Fayette 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 Fayette County, Texas, is prohibited in Fayette County, Texas in all areas of the unincorporated areas of Fayette County, Texas, including areas within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of municipalities:

lions, tigers, cougars, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, lynx, servals, caracals, hyenas, bears, coyotes, jackals, baboons, chimpanzees, orangutans, gorillas, elephants, rhinoceroses, hippopotamuses, Nile crocodiles and non-domestic and non-indigenous venomous snakes, and any hybrids of these animals.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED, by the Commissioners' Court of Fayette County Texas that a person who keeps, owns, possesses, confines, and/or cares for, in Fayette County, Texas, an animal prohibited by this Order, commits an offense. Such an offense is a Class C misdemeanor. The County Attorney or another attorney representing the County may also file an action 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 Fayette County Commissioners' Court on this the 23rd day of May, 2016, upon motion of Commissioner McBroom, seconded by Commissioner Berckenhoff, with 5 members of the Commissioner's Court being present, 5 members of Commissioners' Court voting in favor thereof, 0 members voting against, and 0 members abstaining.

Edward F. Janecka, County Judge

Jason McBroom, Commissioner, Prct. 1

Harvey Berckenhoff, Commissioner Prct. 3

Gary Weishuhn, Commissioner, Prct. 2

Tom Muras, Commissioner, Prct. 4

ATTEST:

Julie Karstedt, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Commissioners Court

