

ORDINANCE NUMBER 7-2024

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #7-2000 SUBSECTION 90.21 RELATING TO THE POSSESSION/KEEPING OF EXOTIC WILDLIFE, PROTECTED WILDLIFE, AND DANGEROUS SPECIES IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

**WHEREAS**, KRS 67.083 and other applicable laws provide that the Fiscal Court may enact ordinances and issue regulations relating to animal control; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, THAT:**

SECTION 1: The Code of Ordinances, Section 90.21, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 90.21 PROHIBITED ANIMALS; POSSESSION OF IMPORTATION.

(A) Except as specified in § [90.22](#) of this chapter, a person shall not import or possess:

- (1) Suricate or slender-tailed meerkat (Genus *Suricata*);
- (2) Flying fox or fruit bat (Genus *Pteropus*);
- (3) ~~Wild European rabbit (also called the San Juan Rabbit)~~ **Wild rabbits, hares, and pikas (Order Lagomorpha)**;
- (4) ~~Mulnammate~~ **Multimammate** rat (Subgenus **Genus** *Mastomys*);
- (5) Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*);
- (6) Monk or Quaker parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*);
- (7) Cuckoo (Family *Cuculidae*), except native species;
- (8) Sky lark (*Alauda arvensis*);
- (9) European blackbird (*Turdus merula*);
- (10) Mistle thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*);
- (11) Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*);
- (12) Song thrush (*Turdus philomelos*);

- (13) White eyes (Genus Zosterops);
- (14) Cape sparrow (~~Ploceus Philippines~~ **Passer melanurus**);
- (15) Baya weaver (~~Ploceus baya~~ **Ploceus philippinus**);
- (16) Madagascar weaver (*Foudia madagascariensis*);
- (17) Weaver finches (Genus *Passer*), except *Passer domesticus*;
- (18) Dioch or red-bellied quelea (*Quelea quelea*);
- (19) Cowbirds (Genus *Molothrus*), except native species;
- (20) Blackbirds (Genus *Agelaius*), except native species;
- (21) Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*);
- (22) Java sparrow (*Padda oryzivora*);
- (23) Hawaiian rice bird or spotted munia (*Lonchura punctalata nisoria*);
- (24) Starlings (Family ~~Sturnidae~~ **Sturnidae**), including pink starlings or rosy pastors (***Sturnus roseus***, except for Indian Hill mynahs except ~~*Sturnus vulgaris*~~ and hill mynahs (~~*Graclua Religiosa*~~);
- (25) ~~Pink starling or rosy pastor (*Sturnus roseus*);~~
- (26) (25) Mute swan (*Cygnus olor*);
- (27) (26) Giant, **cane**, or marine toad (*Bufo marinus*);
- (28) (27) Tongueless or African clawed frog (***Xenopus*** ~~*Aenopus laevis*~~); and
- (29) **Fox (Genus *Cerdocyon*, Genus *Lycalopex*, Genus *Otocyon*, Genus *Urocyon*, and Genus *Vulpes*);**
- (30) **Gambian giant pouched rat (*Cricetomys gambianus*);**
- (31) **Prairie dog (*Cynomys* spp);**
- (32) **Raccoon dog (*Nyctereuties procyonoides*); and**
- (29) (33) A member of the following families:
  - (a) Suidae (pigs or hogs), except for domestic swine;
  - (b) Viverridae (civits, genets, lingsangs, mongooses and fossas); and
  - (c) Tayassuidae (Peccaries and javelinas).

(B) The possession or importation of the following dangerous exotic species is prohibited:

- (1) African buffalo (*Synceras caffer*);
- (2) Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibius*);

- (3) Hyenas (family Hyaenidae), all species, except aardwolves (*Proteles cristatus*);
- (4) Honey badger or ratel (*Mellivora capensis capensis*);
- (5) Old world badger (*Meles meles*);
- (6) Lions, jaguars, leopards or tigers (Genus *Panthera*);
- (7) Clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*);
- (8) Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*);
- (9) Elephants (family Elephantidae);
- (10) Rhinoceroses (family Rhinocerotidae);
- ~~(11) Gibbons or siamangs (family Hylobatidae);~~
- ~~(12) Orangutans, chimpanzees or gorillas (Family Pongidae);~~
- ~~(13) Baboons, drills or mandrills (Genus *Papio*);~~
- ~~(14) Macaques (Genus *Macaca*);~~
- ~~(15) Gelada baboon (*Theropithecus gelada*);~~

**(11) Primates, nonhuman (Order Primates)**

- ~~(16)~~ (12) Gavials (Family Gavialidae);
- ~~(17)~~ (13) Crocodiles (Family Crocodylidae);
- ~~(18)~~ (14) Alligators or caimans (Family Alligatoridae);
- ~~(19) Sea snakes (Family Hydrophidae);~~
- ~~(20) Cobras or coral snakes (Family Elapidae);~~
- ~~(21) Adders or vipers (Family Viperidae);~~
- ~~(22) Venomous rear fanged species (Family Colubridae);~~
- (15) Venomous exotic snakes of the families Viperidae, Atractaspididae, Elapidae, Hydrophidae, and Colubridae, except for hognose snakes (Genus *Heterodon*)**
- ~~(23)~~ (16) Gila monsters or beaded lizards (Family Helodermatidae);
- ~~(24)~~ (17) Komodo dragon (*Varanus komodoensis*);
- ~~(25)~~ (18) Bears (Family Ursidae);
- ~~(26)~~ (19) Wolf or wolf hybrids of over 25% wolf; or
- ~~(27)~~ (20) Cougar or mountain lion (*Felis concolor*).
- (21) Lynx (Genus *Lynx*);**
- (22) Snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*);**

(23) Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*); or

(24) Hybrids of a species listed in this subsection.


SECTION II. CODIFICATION. The provisions of Section I of this Ordinance shall be published as appropriate in the Franklin County Code of Ordinances as soon as practicable.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, part of provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then it is expressly provided and it is the intention of the Franklin County Fiscal Court in passing this Ordinance that its parts shall be severable and all other parts of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

**INTRODUCED AND GIVEN FIRST READING IN SUMMARY** at a duly convened meeting of the Fiscal Court of Franklin County, Kentucky, held on the 26th day of June, 2024.

**GIVEN SECOND READING AND APPROVED** at a duly convened meeting of the Fiscal Court of Franklin County, Kentucky, held on the 10 day of July, 2024 and of record in Fiscal Court Order Book 35, Page 41.



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Michael Mueller  
Franklin County Judge/Executive

ATTESTED TO:



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Kim Cox  
Fiscal Court Clerk