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## **ORDINANCE No. 2026-115**

(Livestock/Barnyard Animals Prohibition)

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VELDA VILLAGE HILLS, MISSOURI REGULATING ANIMALS; PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK AND CERTAIN OTHER ANIMALS, INCLUDING DUCKS, EQUINES AND SWINES WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VELDA VILLAGE HILLS, MISSOURI, THAT:**

**Section 1:** DEFINITIONS: “Barnyard fowl shall mean turkeys, geese, ducks, swans, roosters, guinea-fowl or other domestic fowl.

Bird shall mean any animal that is a member of the bird family excluding barnyard fowl.

Cat shall mean a domestic feline of either sex, including one neutered or sterilized.

Domestic animal shall include all species of animals commonly and universally accepted as being domesticated.

Harbor shall mean to keep and care for an animal or to provide premises to which the animal returns for food, shelter or care for a period of seven days or more.

Pet animal shall include dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, birds, reptiles, and any other species of animal which is sold or retained as a household pet but shall not include ducks, skunks, nonhuman primates and any other species of wild, exotic or carnivorous animal.

**Section 2:** Livestock shall not to be kept within the city, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep any livestock, barnyard animal, barnyard fowl or domestic animal, except common pet animals. This prohibition applies to all of the following, regardless of size:

(1) Bovines (examples: cattle, oxen);

(2) All equines (example: horses, mules, donkeys, apses, jacks, jennets);

- (3) All opines (examples: sheep, goats);
- (4) All swine (examples: hogs and pigs, including potbellied pigs);
- (5) All ratites (examples: ostriches, emus, moas, kiwis);
- (6) All camels (examples: dromedaries, Bactrian camels);
- (7) All barnyard fowl (examples: turkeys, geese, ducks, swans, roosters, guinea-fowl); and
- (8) All other livestock and barnyard animals.

**Section 3:** It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that:

- (1) The animals in question are brought into the city for a temporary period, not exceeding 72 hours; and
- (2) Notice of the arrival of the animals and their departure date is given to the City Clerk at least 24 hours in advance.

**Section 4:** Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind who or which intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed One Thousand dollars (\$1000.00). Each day during which such violation shall exist or occur shall constitute a separate offense. The owner or owners of any property or of premises where any violation of this ordinance shall occur, and any agent, contractor, person, or corporation who shall assist in the commission of such offense shall be guilty of a separate offense, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as above provided.

**Section 5:** This ordinance is intended to be cumulative and shall not repeal any previous ordinance except to the extent that any provision of such ordinance is inconsistent and cannot be reconciled with any provision contained herein.

**Section 6:** In case any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence or part of this ordinance, or the application of the same to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Velda Village Hills, Missouri hereby declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more such parts.

**Section 7:** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption

ADOPTED this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of JUNE, 2026.

Passed by the Board of Aldermen on this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of JUNE, 2026.

Mayor Effie Moore

Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana C. Turner

City Clerk