AMENDED

STATE OF TEXAS



COUNTY OF POLK

Order Prohibiting the Keeping of Wild Animals, Pursuant to Chapter 240, Local Government Code And Creating a Criminal Penalty

The Commissioners Court of Polk County hereby adopts the following order, pursuant to Chapter 240, Local Government Code:

- 1. The Commissioners Court hereby determines that wild animals, as defined in this order, are dangerous and in need of control in this county.
- 2. Wild animal means a lion, a tiger, an ocelot, a cougar, a leopard, a cheetah, a jaguar, a bobcat, a lynx, a serval, a caracal, a hyena, a bear, a coyote, a jackal, a baboon, a chimpanzee, an orangutan, a gorilla, a lesser panda, a binturong, a wolf, an ape, an elephant, a rhinoceros, or any hybrid of an animal listed in this definition.
- 3. The keeping of a wild animal in the unincorporated area of this county is hereby prohibited, except as otherwise specifically permitted by state or federal law.
- 4. A violation of this order is an offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.
- 5. A violation or threatened violation of this order may be enjoined by an action in district court.
- 6. This order supersedes any previously filed order and shall become effective December 1, 2001.

READ AND ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2001.

En John P. Thompson

County Judge

Attest:

Barbara Middleton, County Clerk