

ORDINANCE 2013-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS; ADDING A SECTION TO BE CALLED 6-7; PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF GOATS WITHIN THE CITY OF SEARCY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The City Council of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, meeting in regular session, makes the following findings of fact and enacts the following provisions:

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council recognizes the need to maintain property values within the City of Searcy, and the need to maintain a harmonious, non-agricultural, municipal environment, that certain livestock should be prohibited from being kept within the City of Searcy, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council recognizes that the City of Searcy currently prohibits the keeping of most livestock; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council wishes to prohibit the keeping of goats, whether for agricultural purposes or as companion animals.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Searcy City Council adopts the following amendment to the Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, is hereby amended by adding a section to be numbered 6-7, which said section reads as follows:

“Sec. 6-7. Keeping Goats Prohibited; Penalty.

6-7-1. The keeping or maintaining of any goat upon any property within the City of Searcy, Arkansas, is hereby declared a nuisance and is hereby made unlawful.

6-7-2. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and each day that the provision of this Section are violated shall constitute a separate offense.”

Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance are separable and, upon any finding that any provision of this ordinance is unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be enforceable according to their terms.

Section 3. All ordinances, resolutions or other acts of the City in conflict with the terms hereof are repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Emergency Clause. The Searcy City Council has determined that an emergency exists and that the immediate adoption and enforcement of this ordinance being necessary for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, the provision hereof shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted this 11th day of June, 2013.

The City of Searcy, Arkansas

By: /s/ David Morris
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Jerry Morris
Searcy City Clerk-Treasurer