

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-\_\_**

**CITY OF SHAFER  
CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, PART 6, SECTIONS 506.01  
AND 506.20 OF THE SHAFER CITY CODE BY ADDING DEFINITIONS  
AND REGULATING CERTAIN ANIMALS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAFER, MINNESOTA ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 5, Part 6, Section 506.01 – Definitions shall be amended by adding the following definitions:

- f. **Domestic Animals.** Those animals commonly accepted as domesticated household pets. Unless otherwise defined, domestic animals shall include dogs, cats, caged birds kept inside the home, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, domesticated rabbits, fish, non-poisonous, non-venomous, and non-constricting reptiles or amphibians, and other similar animals.
- g. **Farm Animals.** Those animals commonly associated with a farm or performing work in an agricultural setting. Unless otherwise defined, farm animals shall include members of the equine family (horses, donkeys, mules), bovine family (cows, bulls, bison), sheep, poultry (chickens, turkeys), fowl (ducks, geese), swine (including Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs), goats, bees, ratitae (ostriches and emus), farm raised cervidae (caribou, mule deer), llamas and alpacas, and other animals associated with a farm, ranch, or stable.
- h. **Non-Domestic Animals.** Those animals commonly considered to be naturally wild and not naturally trained or domesticated, or which are commonly considered to be inherently dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of people. Unless otherwise defined, non-domestic animals shall include:
  - 1. Any member of the large cat family (family felidae) including lions, tigers, cougars, bobcats, leopards, jaguars, ocelots, and servals, but excluding commonly accepted domesticated house cats.
  - 2. Any naturally wild members of the canine family (family canidae) including wolves, foxes, coyotes, dingos, and jackals, but excluding commonly accepted domesticated dogs.
  - 3. Any crossbreeds such as the crossbreed between a wolf and a dog, unless the crossbreed is commonly accepted as a domesticated pet.
  - 4. Any member or relative of the rodent family including any skunk (whether or not de-scented), raccoon, squirrel, or ferret, but excluding those members otherwise defined or commonly accepted as domesticated pets.

5. Any poisonous, venomous, constricting, or inherently dangerous member of the reptile or amphibian families, including rattle snakes, water moccasins, boa constrictors, pythons, anacondas, cobras, pit vipers, crocodiles, and alligators.
6. Any other animal which is not explicitly listed above but which can be reasonably defined by the terms of this section, including but not limited to bears, deer, non-human primates, and game fish.

**Section 2.** Chapter 5, Part 6, Section 506.20 – Certain Animals Regulated shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

**Subd. 1. Non-Domestic Animals.** It shall be illegal for any person to own, possess, harbor, or offer for sale, any non-domestic animal within the city. Any owner of a non-domestic animal at the time of adoption of this section shall have 30 days in which to remove the animal from the city after which time the city may impound the animal as provided for in this chapter. An exception shall be made to this prohibition for those animals brought into the city as part of an operating zoo, veterinarian clinic, scientific research laboratory, or a licensed show or exhibition.

**Subd 2. Farm Animals.** Farm animals shall only be kept in an agricultural district of the city, or on a residential lot of at least five acres in size provided that no animal shelter shall be within 300 feet of an adjoining piece of property. Any owner of a nonconforming farm animal at the time of adoption of this section shall have 30 days in which to remove the animal from the city after which time the city may impound the animal as provided in this chapter. An exception shall be made to this section for animals brought into the city as part of an operating zoo, veterinarian clinic, scientific research laboratory, or a licensed show or exhibition.

**Subd. 3. Penalty.** A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable as provided in section 100.6, subdivision 2.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by the City Council of the City of Shafer, Minnesota.

**CITY OF SHAFER**

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Dan Vogel  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joan Ciesler  
City Clerk