



**CITY OF CARVER
CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**Proposed for November 6, 2023
ORDINANCE NO. 12-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I OF THE CARVER
CITY CODE PROHIBITING CERTAIN WILD AND EXOTIC ANIMALS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARVER, CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA,
DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Carver hereby amends Chapter 6, Article I of the Carver City Code by adding a new Section 6-6 as follows:

Sec. 6-6. Prohibited animals; exceptions.

- (a) No person, firm, corporation or other business shall own, possess, harbor, or keep within the city any animal or species prohibited by state or federal law or any non-domesticated animal or species, including, but certainly not limited to, the following:
- (1) Any large cat of the family Felidae, such as a lion, tiger, jaguar, leopard, cougar and ocelot, except for commonly accepted domesticated house cats;
 - (2) Any member of the family Canidae, such as a wolf, fox, coyote, dingo and jackal, except for commonly accepted domesticated dogs;
 - (3) Any crossbreed, such as a crossbreed between a dog and a coyote or a dog and a wolf, except for crossbreeds solely between commonly accepted domesticated animals;
 - (4) Any poisonous snake or pit viper, such as a rattlesnake, coral snake, water moccasin or cobra; and
 - (5) Any other animal which is not naturally tame or gentle but is of a wild nature or disposition and which, because of its size, nature or other characteristics would constitute a danger to human life or property, including, but not limited to, raccoons, deer, bears, badgers, and skunks.
- (b) The prohibitions above shall not apply to the following, provided, however, that protective measures and other devices adequate to prevent such animals from escaping or injuring the public are employed at all times:

- (1) Nonpoisonous snakes, birds, hamsters, mice, rabbits, gerbils, white rats, guinea pigs, chinchillas, or lizards, and similar small animals maintained continuously in cages;
- (2) Animals kept by a veterinary hospital or bona fide research institution affiliated with a college or other institute of higher education;
- (3) Animals kept in a public zoo or other establishment engaged in the permanent or temporary display of animals for education and exhibition; and
- (4) Animals kept for sale or display in a commercial pet store, provided that prior to the sale of any animal prohibited under section 6-6(a), the pet store shall provide the buyer with a copy of all provisions contained in this section.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and publication in accordance with state law.

Adopted by the Carver City Council this 6th day of November, 2023.

Courtney Johnson, Mayor

Attest:

Vicky Sons-Eiden, City Clerk