

ORDINANCE NO. 1091-05-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ANIMAL CONTROL, SECTION 2.01.009 (KEEPING SWINE), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF SWINE ON HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY OR ON PROPERTY SUPERVISED BY HIGH SCHOOL VOCATIONAL TEACHER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted regulations regarding the keeping of swine in the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has allowed the keeping of swine during the months of October through March in the homes of students who are FFA or 4-H members; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the public would be better served by allowing the keeping of swine anytime throughout the year if located at the high school or any location that is under the direct supervision of a high school vocational agricultural teacher or county agricultural agent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 (Animal Control), Section 2.01.009 (Keeping Swine) is amended by adding a new subsection 2.01.009 (2) (A), to read as follows:

Sec. 2.01.009 Keeping swine

It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain swine within the corporate limits of the city except at the specific times, locations, and in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) During the time period beginning with October 1 of each calendar year, extending to and including March 15 of the next calendar year, of each year, swine may be kept within the city limits and maintained only at the following locations, provided that such locations meet all of the requirements specified below:
 - (A) The home of an FFA member who is under the supervision of a high school vocational agricultural teacher, provided such property meets the specific requirements set out in Sections 2.01.009 (3) and (4).
 - (B) The home of a 4-H member who is under the supervision of the county agricultural agent, provided the property site meets the requirements set out in Sections 2.01.009 (3) and (4).
- (2) Swine may be kept within the city limits and maintained at the following location anytime throughout the year, provided that such location meets all of the requirements in Sections 2.01.009 (3) and (4).
 - (A) A location at the high school or any location that is under the direct supervision of a high school vocational agricultural teacher or county agricultural agent, and such site has also been previously approved by such high school vocational agricultural teacher and/or county agricultural agent, and additionally meets all requirements in Sections 2.01.009 (3) and (4).


- (3) To be qualified under this subsection for the maintenance of swine within the city limits, a property location must be a location specified in subsection (1) above and must additionally meet all of the following requirements:
- (A) Must contain two or more acres of land upon which the residential premises of the FFA or 4-H member are located and upon which the swine shall be located, for property locations under subsections (1)(A) or (1)(B) above; for property location under subsection (1)(C) above, must contain two or more acres of land owned by one individual or family.
 - (B) Must have pens in place of a size that provides a minimum of 100 square feet per hog, and the pen must be covered with a roof at a minimum of 25 square feet per hog. Such pens must be equipped with self-watering facilities, and be so constructed to provide adequate drainage and protection provided to the outside of the pen.
 - (C) The pens must be located at least 200 feet from the property line of any property not owned by those persons keeping or maintaining the swine.

SECTION 2. The remainder of Chapter 2 (Animal Control), Section 2.01.009 (Keeping Swine) shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 3. Severability: If any portion of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be declared invalid, the invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.


PASSED, ADOPTED, AND EFFECTIVE this 9th day of May, 2016.

APPROVED:



JAMES W. DANNER, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


Gloria Colbath, City Secretary