

**ORDINANCE # 2001 - 05**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROMOTE THE PUBLIC WELFARE OF THE CITY OF WELLS, TEXAS, BY ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING THE KEEPING OF DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

**SECTION I.** It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, possess, own, control, use or otherwise exercise dominion over any of the animals outlined herein and defined as "DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS" within the City of Wells, Texas:

a lion	a caracal	a tiger
a hyena	an ocelot	a bear
a cougar	a coyote	a leopard
a jackal	a cheetah	a baboon
a jaguar	a chimpanzee	a bobcat
an orangutan	a lynx	a gorilla
a serval	or any hybrid of an animal listed herein.	


**SECTION II.** This ordinance does not apply to:

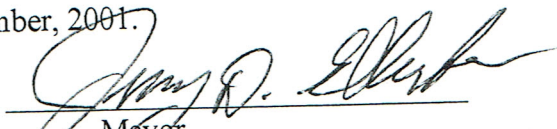
1. A county, municipality, or agency of the state or an agency of the United States or an agent or official of a county, municipality, or agency acting in an official capacity;
2. An injured, infirm, orphaned, or abandoned dangerous wild animal while being transported for care or treatment;
3. A dangerous wild animal owned by and in the custody and control of a transient circus company, that is not based in the City of Wells if:
  - a. The animal is used as an integral part of the circus performances; and
  - b. The animal is kept within the City only during the time the circus is performing in this City;
  - c. A dangerous wild animal, while in the temporary custody or control of a television or motion picture production company during the filming of a television or motion picture production in this City;
  - d. A dangerous wild animal while being transported in interstate commerce through the City in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C section 2131 et seq.) and its subsequent amendments and the regulations adopted under that act.

**SECTION III.** Any person or entity violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for each conviction for each animal. Each day such violation shall continue, or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense. Since this ordinance has a penalty for violation, it shall become effective upon its publication in the newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary

  
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Mayor

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE # 2001-05

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLS, TEXAS COUNTY OF CHEROKEE, TEXAS. EXERCISING THEIR DISCRETION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2001-05.

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BY ADDING/REPLACING THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION I IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO KEEP, POSSESS, OWN, CONTROL, USE OR OTHERWISE EXERCISE DOMINION OVER ANY OF THE ANIMALS OUTLINED HEREIN AND DEFINED AS "DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS" WITHIN THE CITY OF WELLS, TEXAS: ADD VENOMOUS SNAKES.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE  
CITY OF WELLS

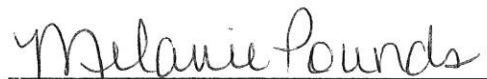
BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, IN AND FOR THE CITY WELLS, CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS.

ON THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2023, THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2001-05 BY CHANGING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ORDINANCE AS LISTED ABOVE.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2023.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY