

CITY OF RIVER BLUFF
ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES 83-84

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF RIVER BLUFF:

SECTION I. DEFINITIONS

(a) "Animal": Any live creature that is kept and regarded as a pet and actually is kept within the confines of a house or within a fenced yard surrounding such house; provided, however, that this category shall include only dogs, cats, rabbits and other creatures smaller than cats, except to the extent creatures smaller than cats are included within other definitions in this ordinance.

(b) "Livestock": Any live creature which is not kept within a house as a pet or which does not meet the requirements of an animal as set forth in paragraph (a) of Section I. "Livestock" specifically includes but is not limited to any one or more of the following: horses, cattle, jackasses, hogs, goats, sheep, ponies, poultry or bees.

(c) Owner: "Owner" means any person, partnership or corporation owning or keeping or harboring one (1) or more animals. An animal shall be deemed to be harbored if it is fed or sheltered for three (3) consecutive days or more.

(d) Restraint: Any animal shall be deemed to be under restraint if it is accompanied by a responsible person and is obedient to that person's commands or is within the house or within the real property limits of the owner.

SECTION II

Only animals as defined in Section I of this Ordinance may be harbored within the boundaries of the City of River Bluff.

SECTION III. LIVESTOCK PROHIBITED

Keeping or harboring of livestock within the City of River Bluff is hereby prohibited, except upon any land zoned for farming purposes within the City of River Bluff.

SECTION IV. RESTRAINT REQUIRED

(1) All animals shall be kept under restraint by their owners at all times. All owners shall exercise proper care and control of their animals so as to prevent the following action by them:

- (a) Molesting of passers-by.
- (b) Chasing of passing vehicles.
- (c) Attacking other animals.
- (d) Trespassing upon private property or school grounds.
- (e) Damaging private or public property.
- (f) Habitual barking or loud and continued noise which causes servious annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood.
- (g) Unnecessarily foul or obnoxious odors which offend the people in the neighborhood.

EXCEPTIONS

Ducks, chickens or other fowl may be kept only as pets within the City of River Bluff. Keeping or harboring two or more of such fowl for any purpose other than as a pet is strictly prohibited.

SECTION VI. SEIZING ANIMALS

(1) It shall be lawful for any person to seize any animal or livestock running at large in violation of this Ordinance and to turn such animal or livestock over to the County Dog Warden, her deputies or assistants.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon any animal or livestock upon any public place, including the right-of-way of any public highway, or upon the property of another.

(3) No person shall invade the premises of another to capture or take any animal or livestock off the premises of the owner, or seize any animal or livestock while the same is being restrained by its owner except as provided by Kentucky Statute.

SECTION VII. PENALTY

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars nor more than

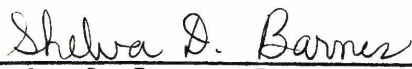
Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, or be imprisoned for not more than sixty (60) days or both fined and imprisoned. The County Dog Warden, her deputies and assistants are hereby specifically authorized to enforce this Ordinance by taking possession of animals and livestock kept or harbored within the City of River Bluff in violation of this Ordinance. If any violation be continuing, each day of such violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION VIII. FULL FORCE AND EFFECT

This Ordinance shall have full force and effect within the City of River Bluff. In the event that any provision of this Ordinance is adjudged by a court of law to conflict with state statute, then the state statute shall supercede this Ordinance.



Charles D. Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Shelva D. Barnes, City Clerk