

ROBESON COUNTY

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE KEEPING OF WILD AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS

ORDINANCE NO. _____

WHEREAS, Robeson County may by ordinance prohibit the possession or harboring of animals which are dangerous to persons or property pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 153A-131; and

WHEREAS, Robeson County adopted an ordinance County entitled **Robeson Animal Control Ordinance**, commonly referred to as Robeson County's Dangerous Dog Ordinance, in December, 2019 and amended the same in February, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced ordinance addresses dangerous dogs and potentially dangerous dogs without reference to other wild and dangerous animals; and

WHEREAS, Robeson County wishes to prohibit the possession or harboring of other wild and dangerous animals which are dangerous to persons or property in order to provide additional protections to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Robeson County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

1. POSSESSION OR HARBORING OF WILD AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful to possess, harbor, keep or cause to be kept wild and dangerous animals in Robeson County. Wild and dangerous animals within Robeson County as part of a bona fide circus or an educational event shall be exempt; however, they may be kept in Robeson County for no longer than seven (7) days and must be confined within a secure building or enclosure or under restraint.

Wild and dangerous animals are defined as wild animals which are dangerous to persons and property, and include, but are not limited to: all felines (other than domestic house cats), non-human primates, bears, wolves, coyotes, reptiles (poisonous, venomous, crushing and giant), and any crossbreed of such animals which have similar characteristics of the animals specified herein.

COUNTY OF ROBESON, NORTH CAROLINA

BY: _____
FALINE L. DIAL, CHAIR
ROBESON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

SEAL

BY: _____
TAMMY FREEMAN, CLERK

Approved as to form:

ROB DAVIS, COUNTY ATTORNEY