Ordinance # 96-002

An Ordinance relating to Wild Animals.

Whereas, the keeping of wild animals within Scott County could constitute an attractive nuisance detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of its inhabitants;

Whereas, the Scott Fiscal Court declares the policy to prohibit the keeping of wild animals within Scott County and therefore such prohibition and penalties;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

(a) The keeping of wild animals within any area of the county is hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful. This section shall not apply to zoological parks operated by or under accreditation of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, properly licensed wildlife exhibitors, carnivals or circuses, any authorized wildlife rehabilitator licensed by the state for purposes of treating injured animals, or any recognized research institution.

(b) For the purpose of this section:

(2) “Wild Animals” shall mean all bears, lions, tigers, cougars, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, wolves and wolverines and other large (more than 35 lbs.) predaceous animals or any omnivore or carnivore, excluding domestic animals.

(3) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall subject the violator to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars ($25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00). Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense and the animal may be seized by the proper authorities and confiscated.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after passage and publication according to law.