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Cheryl and Stephen Colgrove,

Thank you for inquiring about the pot-bellied pig ordinance that I sponsored in my role as a member of the Pensacola City Council. In 2013, the city council voted to modify our animal welfare ordinances to specifically allow for pot-bellied pigs within the city limits. The ordinance is included in the body of this letter.

Prior to the adoption of the ordinance, I believe that most people thought it was legal to have the pot-bellied pigs in the city limits. I was glad to sponsor the ordinance to clear up any misunderstanding as to the legal status of these animals. Since the passage of the ordinance, I have not received any complaints regarding pot-bellied pigs, and it does not appear that there has been an increase in the number of residents with pot-bellied pigs.

Sec. 4-2-42. - Keeping pot-bellied pigs as household pets. Added

- (a) The term "pigs" as used herein shall mean Pot-bellied Pigs.
- (b) The number of such pigs shall be limited to one per each residence.
- (c) The breeding of such pigs is prohibited.
- (d) Male pigs four (4) weeks of age or older shall be neutered.
- (e) Such pigs shall be controlled by a leash, tether, harness or adequate enclosure any time said animals are outside the residence of the owner or other person harboring, keeping or maintaining said pig.
- (f) The owner shall display, upon request from the an animal control officer or any law enforcement officer, a current certification from a veterinarian licensed in the State that all necessary and appropriate vaccinations have been administered and that the pig has been tested and demonstrated free of parasitic disease. Such certification shall be obtained on a yearly basis.

(g) It shall be unlawful for any pig owner or person in charge of a pig, to fail to remove deposits of pig excreta made by a pig in that person's charge when the deposit of the pig's excreta occurred in the presence of the pig's owner or person in charge of the pig on any property not belonging to the owner or a person in charge of the pig. If such depositing of excreta occurs, the owner or person in charge of the pig shall immediately cause its removal for disposal.

(h) It shall be unlawful for any pig owner or person in charge of a pig to allow the area in which the pig is kept or allowed to roam to become the source of odors which are detectable on adjoining properties where such odors are the result of the pig being kept or allowed to roam on the subject property.

(i) All other animal control and nuisance laws applicable to animals within the City of Pensacola shall apply to pot-bellied pigs.

(j) A homeowners' association formed in accordance with State Statute may prohibit ownership of pot-bellied pigs through a formal inclusion in the association's covenants.

(Ord. No. 10-14, § 2, 3-13-14)

I hope this information is helpful to you. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sherri Myers