

ORDINANCE ON LARGE DOMESTIC ANIMALS

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1068

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Stafford Council that the following provisions are hereby amended to the City Code of Stafford, Kansas.

The City of Stafford, Kansas, hereby voids code sections 2-406 (Minimum Lot Requirements) and code section 4-403 (Poultry).

The City of Stafford, Kansas hereby amends the city code to the following.

New Code Section 2-403

The owning or possessing of any fowl described in Section 2-401 is hereby prohibited, except:

- (a) Caged birds kept as pets within a residential structure,
- (b) The owning or possessing of more than a total of six (6) chickens or ducks per residence in the City of Stafford. Only six (6) fowl total are allowed per residence.

There shall be no roosters in the City of Stafford, Kansas.

Any fowl which is kept outside shall be enclosed in a pen of sufficient size to accommodate not more than the six fowl allowed. No fowl shall be allowed to be of free range. Fowl shall not be allowed to range onto other neighboring properties. Those persons who currently possess such fowl that has been prohibited shall be given 90 days from the date this ordinance is published to dispose of said animals.

New Code Section 2-406:

No owner or possessor of large animals shall keep any animals outside the prohibited area set out in section 2-402 within the city limits of Stafford, Kansas on any tract of land that is less than one acre or less than 43,560 square feet in size. A tract of land shall be considered as all of the land owned by the same person or persons that is contiguous.

There shall be no more than two large animals on any tract of land outside the prohibited area set out in section 2-402 within the city limits of Stafford, Kansas. In the event that the animals have offspring, then the owner shall be allowed to retain the offspring for six months after birth. At that time the owner only be allowed to keep no more than two animals total.

The first offense of this ordinance shall be a mandatory fine of \$500.00. Any subsequent violation shall be a fine of \$1,000.00.

New Code Section 2-408 - Water well setback.

No animals of any species shall be kept within 100 feet of any public water well owned by the City of Stafford, Kansas.

This ordinance is hereby approved this 13th day of December, 2021, and shall be effective after its publication in the official city paper.

Ginger Sanders, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jami Downing, City Administrator