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STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
City of Detroit } ss.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, DETROIT

I, Tanice M Winfrey, City Clerk of the City of Detroit, in said
State, do hereby certify that the annexed paper is a TRUE COPY OF Ordinance

adopted (passed) by the City Council at session of

November 12th 2024

and approved by Mayor

November 21st 2024

as appears from the Journal of said City Council in the office of the City Clerk of Detroit, aforesaid;
that I have compared the same with the original, and the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the
whole of such original.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the corporate seal of said City, at

Detroit, this

day of

11th
December A.D. 2024

Tanice M Winfrey
CITY CLERK

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SUMMARY

This ordinance amends Chapter 6 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Animal Care, Control, and Regulation*, by adding Article VIII, *Animal Husbandry and Beekeeping*, to include Division 1, *Generally*, to contain Section 6-8-1, *Purpose*, Section 6-8-2, *Definitions*, 6-8-3, *Conformance to article required*, Section 6-8-4, *Permitted livestock and honeybees; quantity*, Section 6-8-5, *Livestock shelters and enclosures and honeybee characteristics; spacing; generally*, Section 6-8-6, *Storage of feed; generally*, Section 6-8-7, *Waste and manure management generally; violation*, Section 6-8-8, *Unlawful accumulation of manure; composting; runoff*, Section 6-8-9, *Pest and vermin control*, Section 6-8-10, *Identification and tagging requirements; impoundment and return of animals; generally*, Section 6-8-11, *Health documentation required*, Section 6-8-12, *Deceased animals*, Section 6-8-13, *Slaughtering of animals*, Section 6-8-14, *Inspection authority*, and Division 2, *License*, to contain Section 6-8-31, *Required*, Section 6-8-32, *Application; information required; issuance; fees; and fee schedule*, Section 6-8-33, *Establishment; approval; publication; and payment of annual fee*, Section 6-8-34, *Prerequisite to granting or renewal of license; compliance*, Section 6-8-35, *Animal Care and Control Division to take action upon application*, Section 6-8-36, *Non-transferrable*, Section 6-8-37, *Expiration date and renewal requirements*, Section 6-8-38, *Procedures for denial, suspension, revocation of license, penalties*, and Section 6-8-39, *Wild animals prohibited*, to provide permission and regulation for the practice of certain animal husbandry and beekeeping in the City of Detroit.

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1 BY COUNCIL MEMBER Tate Introduced 10/08/24

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3 *Control, and Regulation*, by adding Article VIII, *Animal Husbandry and Beekeeping*, to include
4 Division 1, *Generally*, to contain Section 6-8-1, *Purpose*, Section 6-8-2, *Definitions*, 6-8-3,
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6 Section 6-8-5, *Livestock shelters and enclosures and honeybee characteristics; spacing; generally*,
7 Section 6-8-6, *Storage of feed; generally*, Section 6-8-7, *Waste and manure management*
8 *generally; violation*, Section 6-8-8, *Unlawful accumulation of manure; composting; runoff*,
9 Section 6-8-9, *Pest and vermin control*, Section 6-8-10, *Identification and tagging requirements*;
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16 *take action upon application*, Section 6-8-36, *Non-transferrable*, Section 6-8-37, *Expiration date*
17 *and renewal requirements*, Section 6-8-38, *Procedures for denial, suspension, revocation of*
18 *license, penalties*, and Section 6-8-39, *Wild animals prohibited*, to provide permission and
19 regulation for the practice of certain animal husbandry and beekeeping in the City of Detroit.

1 IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT THAT:

2 Section 1. Chapter 6 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Animal Care, Control, and Regulation,
3 be amended by adding Article VIII, Division 1, which shall consist of Section 6-8-1 through 6-8-
4 14 and Division 2, which shall consist of Section 6-8-31 through Section 6-8-39, to read as follows:

5 CHAPTER 6. ANIMAL CARE, CONTROL, AND REGULATION

6 ARTICLE VIII. ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BEEKEEPING

7 DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

8 Sec. 6-8-1. Purpose.

9 (a) The limited livestock and beekeeping activities set forth in this article permit and
10 regulate the keeping of certain urban farm animals and/or domestic honeybees for personal
11 consumption or utilization of agricultural products, such as eggs, meat, or honey. The purpose of
12 this article is to ensure such activities are undertaken in a manner consistent with local, state, and
13 federal guidelines to protect the health and well-being of livestock, to protect the integrity of
14 surrounding properties, to mitigate environmental issues and to provide for enforcement
15 mechanisms, provided that the animals permitted under this article are to be kept for agricultural
16 purposes only and shall not be considered pets or companion animals.

17 (b) Nothing in this article shall preempt the Michigan Right to Farm Act, MCL
18 286.471, et seq., Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices, or other applicable state
19 and federal laws.

20 Sec. 6-8-2. Definitions.

21 For purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings
22 respectively ascribed to them by this section:

1 Agricultural product means agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, and dairy products,
2 livestock and the products thereof, the products of poultry and bee raising, the edible products of
3 forestry, and any and all products raised or produced on farms and processed or manufactured
4 products thereof.

5 Agricultural or agricultural purposes means of, or pertaining to, or connected with, or
6 engaged in agriculture or tillage that is characterized by the act or business of cultivating or using
7 land and soil for the production of crops for the use of animals or humans, and includes, but is not
8 limited to, purposes related to agriculture, farming, dairying, pasturage, horticulture, floriculture,
9 viticulture, and animal and poultry husbandry.

10 Animal means mollusks, crustaceans, and vertebrates other than human beings including,
11 but not limited to, livestock, exotic animals, domestic animals, and aquaculture species.

12 Domestic means tamed or kept by humans as a work, food, or fiber source, or as a pet.

13 Enclosure means a cage, crate, or other structure used to confine a covered animal.

14 Farm means the land, plants, animals, buildings, structures, including ponds used for
15 agricultural or aquacultural activities, machinery, equipment, and other appurtenances used in the
16 commercial production of farm products.

17 Farm product means those plants and animals useful to human beings produced by
18 agriculture and includes, but is not limited to, forages and sod crops, grains and feed crops, field
19 crops, dairy and dairy products, poultry and poultry products, cervidae, livestock, including
20 breeding and grazing, equine, fish, and other aquacultural products, bees and bee products, berries,
21 herbs, fruits, vegetables, flowers, seeds, grasses, nursery stock, trees and tree products,
22 mushrooms, and other similar products, or any other product which incorporates the use of food,
23 feed, fiber, or fur, as determined by the Michigan commission of agriculture.

1 Fowl means a bird of any kind.

2 Generally accepted agricultural and management practices means those practices as
3 defined by the Michigan commission of agriculture. The commission shall give due consideration
4 to available Michigan Department of Agriculture Information and written recommendations from
5 the Michigan State University college of agriculture and natural resources extension and the
6 agricultural experiment station in cooperation with the United States department of agriculture
7 natural resources conservation service and the consolidated farm service agency, the Michigan
8 Department of Natural Resources, and other professional and industry organizations.

9 Honeybee means a honey-producing bee, specifically genus Apis of the family Apidae.

10 Livestock means those species of animals used for human food or for fiber or those species
11 of animals used for service to humans. Livestock includes, but is not limited to, cattle, sheep, new
12 world camelids, old world camelids, goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites, swine, equids,
13 poultry, aquaculture species, and rabbits, but does not include dogs or cats.

14 Official identification means an identification ear tag, tattoo, electronic identification, or
15 other identification approved by the United States Department of Agriculture or the department.

16 Person means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership,
17 association, joint venture, or other legal entity.

18 Poultry means all domestic fowl, ornamental birds, and game birds possessed or being
19 reared under authority of a breeder's license pursuant to part 427 (breeders and dealers) of the
20 natural resources and environmental protection act, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being
21 sections 324.42701 to 324.42714 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

22 Sit-down restaurant means, as likewise defined in Chapter 50 of this Code, Zoning, as
23 "restaurant, standard", an establishment for the sale of foods, frozen desserts, or beverages to the

1 customer in a ready-to-consume state, and whose design or principal method of operation includes
2 one or both of the following characteristics:

3 (1) Customers are normally provided with an individual menu, are served foods, frozen
4 desserts, or beverages by a restaurant employee at the same table or counter at
5 which said items are consumed; and

6 (2) A cafeteria-type operation where foods, frozen desserts, or beverages generally are
7 consumed within the restaurant building.

8 Urban Farm means a zoning lot, as likewise defined in Chapter 50 of this Code, Zoning,
9 over one acre, used to grow and harvest food crops and/or non-food crops for personal or group
10 use. An orchard or tree farm that is a principal use is considered an urban farm. An urban farm
11 may be divided into plots for cultivation by one or more individuals and/or groups or may be
12 cultivated by individuals and/or groups collectively. The products of an urban farm may or may
13 not be for commercial purposes.

14 Urban Garden a zoning lot, as defined in Chapter 50 of the Code, Zoning, of up to one acre
15 of land, used to grow and harvest food or non-food crops for personal or group use. The products
16 of an urban garden may or may not be for commercial purposes.

17 4-H Program means a youth development program where adult volunteers provide
18 positive, hands-on, fun and educational opportunities with youth ages 5 to 19 and can take place
19 in many different settings such as project clubs, community clubs, after school programs, camps,
20 workshops, or events.

21 **Sec. 6-8-3. Conformance to article required.**

22 No person shall stable, confine, or keep any livestock or honeybee in any portion of a
23 residence or in any structure not in conformance with this article.

1 **Sec. 6-8-4. Permitted livestock and honeybees; quantity.**

2 (a) Only the identified livestock may be kept where permitted under Chapter 50 of the
3 Code, Zoning, as follows:

4 (1) Residential lots, schools, educational institutions, and sit-down restaurants:

5 a. Ducks and chickens: Not to exceed eight total ducks and/or hens combined,
6 provided that drakes are permitted and roosters are prohibited.

7 b. Honeybee Hives: Not to exceed a total of four hives of domestic honeybees.

8 (2) Urban farms and urban gardens:

9 a. Ducks and chickens: Not to exceed 12 total ducks and/or hens combined,
10 provided that drakes are permitted and roosters are prohibited.

11 b. Honeybee Hives: Not to exceed a total of 6 hives of domestic honeybees for
12 an urban garden that is a half-acre or more and a total of 8 hives for an urban
13 farm that is one acre or more, provided that for each additional acre of an
14 urban farm, one additional hive is permitted.

15 (3) Exceptions to the livestock limitations of this Article:

16 a. Exceptions to species and numbers may be authorized for the following:

17 i. A municipal agency;

18 ii. A 4-H program that is officially sanctioned and recognized by
19 Michigan State University Extension; or

20 iii. When there is Authorization by the City outlining the agreements of
21 necessary conditions of the grantor and grantee which must include
22 a 501(c)(3) designation and be for educational purposes.

1 b. Exceptions provided for in Subsection (a) of this section are authorized with
2 completion of the following:

3 i. Completion of a Special Land Use Hearing for the proposed location
4 with a recommendation to approve or approve with condition; and

5 ii. Review and approval by the Director, or designee, from Animal
6 Care and Control, the Director, or designee, from Buildings Safety,
7 Engineering, and Environmental Department, and the Director, or
8 designee, from Planning and Development Department.

9 **Sec. 6-8-5. Livestock shelters and enclosures and honeybee characteristics; spacing;**
10 **generally.**

11 (a) Ducks and Chickens.

12 (1) Animal shelters shall conform to the following general requirements:

13 a. Shall be kept loose in a solid roofed shelter, such as a coop or specially
14 designed hutch, provided that a garage may be used for the enclosed roofed
15 shelter space;

16 b. Shelters shall provide a source of ventilation, such as wire screened
17 windows or vents that may be opened or closed to maintain desired thermal
18 comfort and allow fresh air flow to prevent accumulation of indoor gas or
19 humidity;

20 c. Shelters shall be designed to prohibit intrusion by other animals, including
21 but not limited to dogs, cats, predatory birds, foxes, raccoons, and other
22 small predators such as rats;

1 d. Each such shelter shall be maintained in good physical condition, kept clean
2 and must contain at least one nesting box for each three chickens, and food
3 and water containers;

4 e. Flooring within the shelter shall allow for easy daily cleaning and
5 prevention of waste build-up;

6 f. Hens must be provided access to areas for perching;

7 (2) Enclosures shall conform to the following general requirements:

8 a. Enclosures shall be appropriate to the species and properly fenced to contain
9 animals and prevent escape.

10 b. Enclosures shall be maintained so that dust, mud, water, and manure do not
11 accumulate.

12 c. Enclosures shall offer shade and other protection from the elements.

13 d. Ducks must be provided a pool of at least 13 gallons or water or an
14 ornamental pond of no more than 20 gallons, both of which must meet
15 standards provided in Section 8-15-109 of this Code, *Swimming pools*.

16 e. Pools or ponds required for the keeping of ducks shall have the water
17 maintained in a sanitary fashion with adequate filtration or drained and
18 replaced no less than once weekly so as to prevent an accumulation of
19 waste, fecal matter, or mosquito breeding.

20 (b) Honeybees.

21 (1) Hives are permitted:

1 a. In all permitted zoning districts provided that required setbacks are adhered
2 to, including on the rooftop of multi-story residential buildings, schools and
3 educational institutions, municipal buildings, and restaurants; and

4 b. On rooftop buildings in the Central Business District.

5 (2) Hives must be in a quiet area of the lot or roof top, and shall not be placed within
6 ten feet of streets, sidewalks, or other public right of way.

7 (3) For hives that are situated within 25 feet of a public or private property line of the
8 property upon which the hive is situated, as measured from the nearest point on the
9 hive to the property line, either of the following conditions must exist:

10 a. The hive opening must face away from doors and/or windows of
11 neighboring residential properties; or

12 b. A flyway of at least six feet in height comprising of a lattice fence, dense
13 hedge or similar barrier must be established in front of the opening of the
14 hives such that the honeybees fly upward and away from neighboring
15 properties, which flyway shall be located within 3 feet of the entrance to the
16 hive and shall extend at least two feet in width on either side of the hive
17 opening.

18 **Sec. 6-8-6. Storage of feed; generally.**

19 (a) All feed shall be stored in animal proof containers with secured lids to prevent pest
20 infestation.

21 (b) Animal proof containers and any unopened stored bags of feed shall be stored on
22 wooden pallets or raised platforms at least 12 inches off of the ground and at least 12 inches away

1 from walls to discourage access by vermin or pests, provided that direct ground contact of stored
2 feed is prohibited.

3 (c) Animal proof containers shall be stored within a room or area that provides shelter,
4 prevents intrusion by vermin or pests, and is not subject to moisture or flooding.

5 (d) Storage of feed includes safeguarding from the attraction of vermin and pests such
6 as rodents, insects, and birds that can contaminate feed products.

7 (e) Any spilled feed shall be cleaned up immediately.

8 (f) Spoiled feed shall also be securely stored until disposed of or composted.

9 **Sec. 6-8-7. Waste and manure management generally; violation.**

10 (a) General waste and manure management provisions for all properties shall ensure
11 that:

12 (1) All manure and other organic accumulations shall be scraped and removed from
13 outside areas daily to comply with the requirements of this article. In addition to
14 receiving a violation under this Code, failure to promptly remove manure or other
15 organic accumulations in a timely manner shall be deemed a violation of this article
16 and considered adequate grounds for license suspension, revocation, or denial of
17 renewal;

18 (2) Bedding material in areas without grass or vegetation shall be provided to assist
19 with removal of urine and mitigation of odors and runoff;

20 (3) Manure does not come into contact with crops that will be directly consumed; and

21 (4) Both shelters and enclosures shall be kept as clean and dry as practicable.

1 **Sec. 6-8-8. Unlawful accumulation of manure; composting; runoff.**

2 (a) Residential, schools; educational institutions; sit-down restaurant; and other
3 agricultural uses:

4 (1) Manure or other organic accumulations that are temporarily stored on the premises
5 prior to being removed shall be kept in a secure covered container to prevent
6 attracting vermin and pests such as flies and rodents.

7 (2) If the intent is to compost the manure and other organic waste streams generated
8 on-site, a compost bin shall be used.

9 (3) Containers as provided in Subsection (a)(1) of this section or compost bins as
10 provided in Subsection (a)(2) of this section shall be stored on the property five feet
11 from the property line and 20 feet from the principal residence.

12 (b) Urban gardens and urban farms:

13 (1) Manure or other organic accumulations that are temporarily stacked or stored on
14 the premises prior to being removed shall be kept in a secure covered container or
15 on a concrete pad and covered.

16 (2) The concrete pad with stored or stacked manure or other organic accumulations
17 shall be covered at all times to eliminate odor impact and reduce the chance of
18 attracting vermin and pests such as flies and rodents.

19 (c) Water shall be prevented from flowing from areas where animals are kept onto
20 adjacent properties, into nearby waterways, or into storm water drains. In addition to receiving a
21 violation under this Code, failure to promptly divert water run off shall be deemed a violation of
22 this article and considered adequate grounds for license suspension, revocation, or denial of
23 renewal.

1 (d) A manure management plan shall be submitted in accordance with Section 6-8-32
2 of this Code, application, information required issuance, fees, and fee schedule, provided that, the
3 City, through its Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department, or the
4 Department of Public Works, may require independent solid waste disposal arrangements to be
5 made by individuals or entities engaging in activities permitted under this article.

6 **Sec. 6-8-9. Pest and vermin control.**

7 (a) Affirmative steps shall be taken to control vermin such as insects, pests, and rodents
8 as follows:

9 (1) Avoidance of the buildup of flies and maggots, through maintenance of the area
10 surrounding the shelter and enclosure in as clean condition as practicable;

11 (2) The elimination of nearby hiding places for vermin such as trash, weeds, and debris;
12 and

13 (3) The management of rodents and pests to avoid colonization and spread of the
14 vermin into adjacent parcels.

15 **Sec. 6-8-10. Identification and tagging requirements; impoundment and return of animals;**
16 **generally.**

17 (a) Animals kept pursuant to this article shall have official identification as follows:

18 (1) Fowl: Adult fowl shall be banded.

19 (b) If the Animal Care and Control Division has impounded or otherwise come into
20 possession of an animal kept pursuant to this article, the owner shall have seven days from the
21 time in which they have been notified by the Animal Care and Control Division in which to claim
22 the animal(s).

(c) Animals that do not meet the official identification requirements of this article shall not be released or returned to the owner under any circumstances until properly banded and tagged.

Sec. 6-8-11. Health; documentation required.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to have and to keep any animal or honeybee infected with a disease which may contaminate other animals or honeybees and which may be a health hazard to the community.

(b) Any person that keeps an animal pursuant to this article shall provide documentation confirming the health of said animal upon request.

Sec. 6-8-12. Deceased animals.

Deceased animals shall be promptly and properly disposed of in accordance with the Michigan Bodies of Dead Animals Act 1982 PA 239, being MCL 287.651, et seq.

Sec. 6-8-13. Slaughtering of animals.

(a) Slaughter of animals kept pursuant to this article shall only occur at licensed abattoirs, slaughterhouses, or rendering facilities or operations.

(b) Slaughter at any other location than identified in Subsection (a) of this section is prohibited.

Sec. 6-8-14. Inspection authority.

The City shall have inspection authority to ensure persons are in compliance with this article, such as to verify the number of livestock and/or honeybee hives and the condition of same.

Secs. 6-8-15—6-8-30. Reserved.

1 **DIVISION 2. LICENSE**

2 **Sec. 6-8-31. Required.**

3 It shall be unlawful to practice animal husbandry in the City without first having obtained
4 a license from the Animal Care and Control Division or another authorized license issuer.

5 **Sec. 6-8-32. Application; information required; issuance; fees; and fee schedule.**

6 (a) An application for a City animal husbandry license must be filed with the Animal
7 Care and Control Division, or with any authorized City agency or department, by a person who
8 presents valid proof of legal control of the property.

9 (b) An application for a license under this division shall be made on a form that is
10 provided by the Animal Care and Control Division. The application shall be considered completed
11 when the appropriate person has signed and dated the application in the presence of a notary public,
12 has paid the required license fee, and has provided the information that is required on the form,
13 including:

14 (1) Where the Applicant is an individual:

- 15 a. The Applicant's full legal name and any other name used by the Applicant
16 during the preceding five years;
17 b. The Applicant's current mailing address and e-mail address; and
18 c. Written proof of property ownership or legal control of the property in the
19 form of property tax receipt, mail addressed to Applicant.

20 (2) Where the Applicant is a partnership:

- 21 a. The legal name and any other name used by the partners during the
22 preceding five years; and
23 b. The current mailing address and e-mail address for the business;

1 (3) Where the Applicant conducts business under a trade or assumed name:

2 a. The complete and full trade or assumed name;

3 b. The county where and date that the trade or assumed name was
4 filed;

5 c. The name of the person doing business under such trade or
6 assumed name, the manager, and other person in charge; and

7 d. The current mailing address and e-mail address for the business;

8 (4) Where the Applicant is a corporation:

9 a. The full and accurate corporate name;

10 b. The state and date of incorporation;

11 c. The full names and addresses of officers, directors, managers, and other
12 persons with authority to bind the corporation;

13 d. The current mailing address and e-mail address for the business;

14 (5) Proof of control of the property, which shall include proof of paid property taxes;

15 (6) Certificate of health for all animals;

16 (7) Facilities, waste, and manure management plans as required in Section 6-8-8 of this
17 Code;

18 (8) The physical characteristics, including breed and sex of the fowl;

19 (9) The name and address of the last previous owner of all animals, if applicable; and

20 (10) Additional information as required by the Animal Care and Control Division.

21 **Sec. 6-8-33. Establishment; approval; publication; and payment of annual fee.**

22 (a) The Animal Care and Control Division shall at the time of and before issuing an
23 initial animal husbandry license under this article, and for each license renewal, collect from each

1 applicant a license fee, according to a schedule of license fees established by the Administrator
2 and approved by the City Council.

3 (b) The Animal Care and Control Division is authorized to charge and collect fees for
4 hearings held under Section 6-8-38 of this Code according to a schedule of administrative hearing
5 fees established by the Administrator and approved by the City Council.

6 (c) The schedules of fees shall be posted at the Office of the Animal Care and Control
7 Division.

8 **Sec. 6-8-34. Prerequisite to granting or renewal of license; compliance.**

9 An animal husbandry license shall not be granted or renewed to any person with
10 outstanding violations related to this article at the Department of Appeals and Hearings or at the
11 36th District Court.

12 **Sec. 6-8-35. Animal Care and Control Division to take action upon application.**

13 Upon compliance with Sections 6-8-32 through 6-8-34 of this Code, the Animal Care and
14 Control Division shall issue an annual Animal Husbandry License in accordance with this article.

15 **Sec. 6-8-36. Non-transferable.**

16 (a) All licenses issued under this division are not transferable to another individual,
17 partnership, corporation, or other legal entity.

18 (b) All licenses issued under this division shall be personal to the property and non-
19 transferable to other property.

20 **Sec. 6-8-37. Expiration date and renewal requirements.**

21 (a) A license that is issued under this division shall remain valid until the expiration
22 date unless suspended or revoked in accordance with this article.

(b) A license that is issued under this division may be renewed only by submitting a completed application and paying the required fee as provided for in this division.

Sec. 6-8-38. Procedures for denial, suspension, revocation of license, penalties

(a) The Animal Care and Control Division shall deny an application for a license, including the renewal of an existing license, by mailing a written notice to the applicant that states the basis for the denial. Any applicant aggrieved by the denial of a license shall be entitled to a hearing before the Administrator or a designated hearing officer. A request for a hearing on the license denial shall be in writing and addressed to the Administrator, and must be made within 30 days after the mailing of the notice of denial to the applicant. A hearing pursuant to a timely request shall be scheduled at the earliest feasible date, but not later than 30 days after the receipt of the request for a hearing. The Administrator shall notify the applicant and the appropriate City departments and agencies at least seven days prior to the hearing. The hearing may be adjourned only by agreement of the parties or, upon cause shown, by order of the Administrator. In the absence of a request for a hearing on the denial of the license, the denial shall be final.

(b) Where the Animal Care and Control Division is presented with evidence which shows that cause exists to suspend or revoke a license pursuant to this article, the Animal Care and Control Division shall notify the licensee in writing of its intent to suspend or revoke the license, stating with particularity the reason(s) for the proposed action. The notice shall direct the licensee to show cause at a hearing before the Administrator or a designated hearing officer why the license should not be suspended or revoked. The notice shall state the date, time and place for the show-cause hearing, which shall be scheduled not less than seven days from the date of the mailing of the notice.

1 (c) Where the Administrator makes a determination that there is an immediate threat
2 to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or of the animal(s) as a result of the continued
3 operation of the licensed activity, the Administrator is authorized to immediately suspend a license.
4 The Administrator shall notify the licensee by mail, and, if possible, directly in person, by
5 telephone, or email. If the animal has more than one owner, notice given to one owner will suffice
6 as notice to all owners. The notice shall specify the basis for the emergency suspension of the
7 license. The Animal Care and Control Division shall schedule a show-cause hearing within seven
8 days, provided, that upon a written request to the Animal Care and Control Division, the licensee
9 shall be entitled to a hearing within 48 hours of the receipt of the notice in order to determine
10 whether the emergency suspension of the license shall continue.

11 (d) At a hearing pursuant to this section, the Animal Care and Control Division shall
12 present relevant evidence in support of the denial, revocation, or suspension of the license. The
13 licensee shall be given an opportunity at the hearing to present relevant evidence in support of the
14 issuance or continuation of the license. If another department or agency has jurisdiction over any
15 component of the license, that department or agency shall be given an opportunity to present
16 evidence for or against the suspension or revocation of the license.

17 (e) If the licensee fails to appear and show cause why the license should not be
18 suspended or revoked in accordance with this article, the license shall be revoked effective at the
19 end of the business day on which the show cause hearing was scheduled.

20 (f) A hearing held pursuant to this section shall be conducted in accordance with rules
21 for conducting administrative hearings adopted in accordance with Section 2-111 of the Detroit
22 City Charter.

(g) Notice provided for in this article shall be sent by first class mail to the applicant or licensee at the address on record with the Animal Care and Control Division.

Sec. 6-8-39. Wild animals prohibited.

No person shall keep a wild animal in any place other than a zoological park, veterinary hospital or clinic, humane society, circus, or facility used for educational or scientific purposes, which provides proper cages, fences, and other protective devices adequate to prevent such animal from escaping or injuring the public.

Secs. 6-8-40—6-8-50. Reserved.

Section 2. This ordinance is hereby declared necessary to preserve the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the People of the City of Detroit.

Section 3. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, that conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective on January 31, 2025 in accordance with Section 4-118 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter.

Approved as to form:


Conrad L. Mallett
Corporation Counsel

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ADOPTED AS FOLLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS

19.1 Tate, An Ordinance		YEAS	NAYS
Scott	BENSON		X
Fred	DURHAL, III	X	
Latisha	JOHNSON	X	
Gabriela	SANTIAGO-ROMERO	NV	NV
Mary	WATERS		X
Angela	WHITFIELD-CALLOWAY		X
Coleman	YOUNG, II	X	
*James	Pro Tem	X	
TATE			
MARY	PRESIDENT SHEFFIELD	X	
*PRESIDENT PRO TEM			
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