

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO ANIMAL REGULATION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN**

**PART 1.** City Code Section 3-1-1 (*Definitions*) is amended to add new definitions to read as follows and to renumber the subsequent definitions accordingly:

(6) FOR-PROFIT ZOO OR AQUARIUM means a business that displays or exhibits live wild animals to the public and is not registered as tax-exempt with the Internal Revenue Service of the United States.

(16) PUBLIC INTERACTION means direct physical contact or proximity where physical contact is possible, including, but not limited to, touching, feeding, entering an animal enclosure, removing an animal from an enclosure, or allowing a photograph or video to be taken without a permanent physical barrier designed to prevent physical contact between the public and the animal.

(24) WILD ANIMAL means a species, including each individual of a species, that normally lives in a state of nature and is not ordinarily domesticated. This definition applies to species whether they are native to Texas or not. This definition applies to individuals regardless of the individuals' origins, including captive bred as well as wild caught.

**PART 2.** Chapter 3-2 (*Restrictions on Animals*) is amended to add a new Section 3-2-10 to read:

**§ 3-2-10 FOR-PROFIT ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS**

(A) A for-profit zoo or aquarium may not allow public interaction with wild animals. This prohibition does not apply to facilities accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

(B) For any animal bite or scratch that must be reported pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code § 826.041, the for-profit zoo or aquarium will quarantine the animal at their expense and must notify the member of the public who was bitten or scratched of the results of the 30 day quarantine within 3 days of the completion of the quarantine.

**PART 3.** City Code Section 3-7-2 (*Offense and Penalty*) is amended to add a new 3-7-2(I) to read:

