

ORDINANCE NO. 667 (Renumbered to Ordinance No. 671)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XIV OF THE ROCK RAPIDS ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE BY AMENDING ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 14.5: ANIMAL CARE WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Rock Rapids, Iowa that Article XIV, Section 14.5 of the Rock Rapids Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the current Section 14.5 “Animal Care Within City Limits” and adding a new Section 14.5 “Animal Care Within City Limits” as follows:

SECTION 14.5. ANIMAL CARE WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

The keeping or raising of typical livestock animals shall be limited to tracts of one (1) acre or more; and a minimum distance of 300 feet (300’) from any neighboring dwelling must be maintained. For the purposes of the Section, “livestock” means those animals belonging to the bovine, caprine, equine, ovine, porcupine species, ostriches, rheas and emu; farm deer as defined in Section 170.1 of the Code of Iowa; or poultry. Common names for “livestock” shall mean, but are not limited to: cows or cattle, sheep, swine, pigs, chickens, roosters, turkeys, horses, ducks, geese or emus.

Domestic animals may be kept within the City limits of Rock Rapids. For the purposes of this Section, “domestic animals” shall include, but is not limited to, an animal that is typically an accessory to occupancy in a principal dwelling such as a dog, cat, or rabbit that is tame and domesticated and is not considered dangerous by an Ordinance of the City of Rock Rapids. Domestic animals of smaller nature include gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, mice, non-livestock birds, non-venomous or non-constrictor snakes, ferrets and other similar animals maintained as pets and not for breeding purposes, inside a dwelling. This Section does not apply to the keeping of animals at a veterinary facility that are receiving veterinary care, a City approved zoo, or property owned by a public school used for educational purposes.

Passed and approved this 24th day of August, 2015.

Jason Chase, Mayor

ATTEST: Jordan Kordahl, City Clerk

I, Jordan Kordahl, Clerk of the City of Rock Rapids, Lyon County, Iowa, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was published on the 2nd day of September, 2015 in the Lyon County Reporter, a weekly newspaper in Rock Rapids, Lyon County, Iowa.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2015.

Jordan Kordahl, City Clerk