#### BANDERA COUNTY RESOLUTION

#### NO.20-0213-6

# REGULATION FOR KEEPING OF WILD ANIMALS (February 13, 2020)

- WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of residents of Bandera

  County, so as to protect the public health and safety,
  that the County prohibit the keeping of Dangerous wild
  animals in Bandera County, Texas.
- WHEREAS, Section 240.002, Texas Local Government Code authorizes the Commissioners Court of Bandera County by order to Prohibit the keeping of a wild animal in the county.

# THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

## SECTION 1. DEFINITION:

'Wild Animal' means lion, tiger, ocelot, cougar, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, hyena, bear, lesser panda, binturong, wolf, ape, elephant, rhinoceros and any additional animals as defined as "Dangerous Wild Animal" by the Health and Safety Code Title 10 Subchapter E Sec. 822.101 (4), as amended and/or recodified.

## SECTION 2. PROHIBITION TO KEEPING OF WILD ANIMAL:

It is an offense for a person to keep a wild animal in Bandera County, provided however, this prohibition does not apply (1) inside the limits of a municipality; or

(2) to an exhibitor licensed under the Animal Welfare Act(7 U.S.C. Section 2131 et seq.).

## SECTION 3. PENALTY:

An offense under this order is a Class C misdemeanor.

## SECTION 4. INJUNCTIVE AUTHORITY:

The county attorney or an attorney representing the county may file an action in a district court to enjoin a violation or threatened violation of an order adopted herein.

Passed and Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2020 Bandera County Commissioners Court

H. Bruce Eliker

Commissioner Precinct #1

Jack U. Moseley Commissioner Precinct #3

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Commissioner Precinct #2

Jordan "Jody" Rutherford Commissioner Precinct #4

RICHARD A. EVANS COUNTY JUDGE

Attest:

Tandie Mansfield County Clerk