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**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (KAMPALA CITY
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ANIMALS) ORDINANCE, 2006**

*(Under sections 38, 40 and 41 and paragraphs 1 (p), 3(k) and 26 of
Part 3 of the Second Schedule of the Local Governments Act, Cap 243)*

**An Ordinance to provide for the control, regulation, registration
and licensing of the keeping of livestock and companion animals
and to provide for other connected matters.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kampala as
follows:

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Local Governments (Kampala City Council) (Livestock and Companion Animals) Ordinance, 2006. Citation and commencement.

(2) This Ordinance shall come into force three months from the date of its publication.

2. This Ordinance applies to all areas in the City of Kampala. Application.

3. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

“Act” means the Local Government Act;

“companion animal” means an animal kept for other purposes other than for food, such as dogs and cats;

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“City” means Kampala city;

“Council” means the Kampala City Council;

“currency point” has the meaning assigned to it in the Schedule to this Ordinance;

“domestic animal” means a horse, mule, donkey, cow, sheep, pig, goat, dog, cat, rabbit, poultry and any other;

“livestock” means any domestic animal reared for food;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for local government;

“premises” includes any land, building or structure of any kind or any part of such land, building or structure;

“stray animal” has the meaning assigned to it in paragraph 7;

“veterinary officer” means a person authorised as a veterinary officer under the Animal Diseases Act.

PART II—DOMESTIC AND LIVESTOCK ANIMALS

Prohibition on keeping animals.

4. A person shall not keep a domestic animal which is a nuisance or of any annoyance to persons residing in the neighbourhood.

Permit to keep domestic animals and livestock.

5. (1) A person shall not keep on any premises a domestic animal other than a companion animal, without a valid permit issued by the Council in the prescribed form or a valid urban agricultural permit issued under paragraph 4 of the Local Governments (Kampala City Council) (Urban Agriculture) Ordinance.

(2) A permit granted under the provisions of this Ordinance shall specify the premises, the number and kinds of domestic animals and the duration of the period in respect of which the permit is valid.

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(3) For an artisanal dairy person or livestock keeper, issued a permit under sub paragraph (1), he or she shall be considered to have fulfilled the requirements under paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Local Governments (Kampala City Council) (Milk) Ordinance.

6. A person shall not, except with the express written permission of the Council, graze any animal or cause or permit any animal to be grazed in the following areas—

Grazing.

- (a) a road reserve within the meaning of the Roads Act;
- (b) a public park;
- (c) a green belt gazetted the Council; or
- (d) a dumping ground.

7. (1) Any stray livestock found in the jurisdiction of the Council shall be impounded and kept at a designated place for at least seven days and the owner of the impounded animal shall be notified, if possible.

Stray
livestock.

(2) A fee of half a currency point per day for which the Council keeps an impounded animal shall be levied upon the owner of the impounded animal.

(3) Any person who removes or attempts to remove livestock impounded under this section without the consent of an officer appointed by the Council for the administration of this Ordinance, commits an offence.

8. Subject to the special provisions in this Ordinance in respect of livestock, the Council may arrange for the sale or disposal of any stray livestock, which remains unclaimed after having been impounded for a period of not less than seven consecutive days.

Disposal of
impounded
livestock.

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Removal of
impounded
livestock.

9. The owner of any livestock, which has been seized and detained or impounded, may remove the livestock at any time on the payment of the fees prescribed under paragraph 7(2).

No
compensation
for lawful
action.

10. No compensation shall be payable to any person in connection with the lawful seizure, detention, impounding, sale or disposal of any livestock under this Ordinance.

Cruelty to
animals.

11. A person shall not treat or subject any animal which is kept for agricultural purposes, to any form of cruelty or in any manner contrary to the provisions of the Animal (Prevention of Cruelty) Act.

Rabies.

12. An owner of livestock suspected to have rabies shall immediately notify the veterinary officer of the Council or the local council authority of the area or the police of his or her infected livestock.

PART III—COMPANION ANIMALS

Keeping of
dogs or
cats.

13. (1) A person shall not keep a dog or cat exceeding six months of age that is not registered with the Council.

(2) Upon registering a dog or cat with the Council, the Council shall issue a registration certificate, in a form prescribed by the Council, for the dog or cat.

(3) The registration certificate shall be annual and shall expire at the end of the financial year of the Council during which it was issued.

Conditions
for the
registration
of dogs and
cats.

14. The Council shall not register a dog or cat unless its owner produces a valid certificate signed by a veterinary officer to the effect that the dog or cat has been inoculated against rabies with a vaccine of a type approved by the commissioner responsible for animal health.

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15. A fee, to be determined by the Council, shall be charged for the registration of a dog or cat under this Ordinance.

Registration fees.

16. (1) Upon registration, the Council shall supply to the owner or person in charge of the registered dog or cat a registration badge and collar.

Registration badge and collar.

(2) An owner of a dog or cat not bearing a badge and collar, commits an offence.

17. (1) The Council may cause any dog or cat found straying or out of control within the jurisdiction of the Council and without a registration badge and collar of the current year to be seized and taken to a pound approved by the Council and the Council may destroy or otherwise deal with the dog as the Council may deem fit and no compensation shall be payable to any person in respect of the destruction of the dog or cat.

Seizure and disposal of stray dogs and cats.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1), a dog or cat which is not diseased, savage or dangerous, shall be kept at the pound for at least seven days, prior to its destruction and its owner shall be notified where possible.

(3) For every dog or cat seized by the Council, the owner of the dog or cat shall pay a fee of half a currency point per day or part of a day during which the dog or cat has been kept by the Council.

18. (1) A person shall not permit any dog or cat kept by him or her which is dangerous, ferocious, or suffering from mange, ringworm, distemper or any contagious disease, or bitch in season, to be at large within the jurisdiction of the Council.

Straying of dogs or cats.

(2) A person may seize and take to any place appointed by the Council for the purpose, any dog, bitch or cat referred to in subsection (1) which appears to be without an owner and, unless within seven days from the date of the seizure and

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detention, the dog, bitch or cat is claimed and the person claiming it gives a written undertaking to keep it within proper control and pays to the Council a fee of half a currency point per day for which the dog, bitch or cat has been kept by the Council, the Council may destroy the dog or bitch or cat and no compensation shall be payable to any person in respect of the destruction of the dog, bitch or cat.

Application
for release
of dog or
cat.

19. Any person aggrieved by the wrongful seizure and detention of his or her dog or cat under this Ordinance may apply to a magistrate for its release and upon such application, the magistrate may make any order on the application.

Instigating a
dog to
attack.

20. A person shall not set on, urge on or permit his or her dog to attack any person or animal without any reasonable cause.

Pounds.

21. (1) The Council may impound any stray animal at the Council's pound or any pound approved by the Council.

(2) The control and management of any pound established by the Council vests in the Council and the Council may levy fees for managing the pound.

(3) The Council may appoint a pound master whose powers and duties shall be to—

- (a) keep any animal impounded in the pound as provided under this Ordinance;
- (b) maintain the pound, at all times, in a clean and hygienic condition;
- (c) arrange adequate food, water and shelter for impounded animals;
- (d) cause the owner of any impounded animal to be notified if such owner can be found;

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(e) perform such other duties as may be required of him or her by the Council.

(4) Subject to the provisions in this Ordinance in respect of dogs, the Council may arrange for the sale or disposal of any stray dog, which remains unclaimed after having been impounded for a period of not less than seven consecutive days.

22. The owner of any animal, which has been seized and detained or impounded, may remove such animal at any time on the payment of the prescribed fees to the Council.

Removal of animal from pound.

23. Any person in possession of a companion animal other than a dog or cat, shall—

Other companion animals.

(a) obtain a permit at a fee prescribed by the Council;

(b) have the animal kept or housed appropriately as approved by the Council; and

(c) not contravene other laws pertaining to endangered species.

24. (1) Any stray companion animal found in the jurisdiction of Council shall be impounded and kept at the Council pound or any other place designated by the Council, for at least seven days and the owner of the animal shall where possible, be notified.

Straying of companion animals.

(2) A fee of half a currency point per day or part of a day during which the Council keeps such animal, shall be levied.

25. Subject to the special provisions in this Ordinance in respect of companion animals, the Council may arrange for the sale or disposal of any stray animal, which remains unclaimed after having been impounded for a period of not less than seven consecutive days.

Disposal of impounded companion animals.

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Removal of impounded companion animals.

26. (1) The owner of any companion animal, which has been seized and detained or impounded, may remove the animal at any time on the payment of the prescribed fees to the Council.

(2) Any person who removes or attempts to remove a companion animal impounded under paragraph 24 without the consent of the officer appointed by the Council, commits an offence.

No compensation for unlawful action.

27. No compensation shall be paid to any person in connection with the lawful seizure, detention, impounding, sale or disposal of any animal under this Ordinance.

PART IV—WASTE DISPOSAL

Owner to maintain sanitary premises.

28. The owner of premises where livestock and companion animals are kept should ensure that they are kept in accordance with the Public Health Act, and any other applicable laws.

Deposit of refuse.

29. (1) Save in accordance with the requirements of the Council, a person shall not throw, deposit or burn or cause to be thrown, deposited or burnt in or upon any street, road verge, private property other than his or her own or other public place, any accumulation of dust, refuse, garbage, decaying animal matter or vegetable matter or other noxious matter.

(2) Any accumulation of animal waste or refuse found on a street or public place contiguous to any premises shall be *prima facie* evidence that the waste or refuse has been thrown or deposited on the street or public place by the occupier of those premises.

Removal of carcasses.

30. (1) Any person whose animal dies, shall within four hours of its death or if the death occurs at night within four hours after daylight, remove and bury the carcass in a manner prescribed or approved by the Council.

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(2) Where an animal dies on a person's property who is not the owner of the animal and the owner of the dead animal is unknown, the owner of the premises shall remove and dispose of the carcass as provided in sub paragraph (1).

(3) The Council may designate a place at which carcasses may be buried.

31. A person shall not throw or deposit or cause to be deposited, or bury any carcass on a street, road, road verge, road reserve or into any drain, lake, river or water-course or any other place that the Council may designate as a prohibited area for the disposal of a carcass.

Carcasses not to be thrown on streets.

32. Where the Council agrees to provide facilities for the collection and disposal of animal waste, or refuse other than normal domestic refuse, it may levy a special charge for the service.

Charge for collection of certain refuse.

33. A person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or any requirement or instruction provided under this Ordinance, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two currency points or to a term of imprisonment for six months, or both.

Offences and penalties.

34. Notwithstanding the provisions of sub paragraph (1), the court may in addition to or in substitution for any penalty it may impose, revoke or suspend for such time as the court may deem fit, any licence granted to the offender.

Revocation and suspension of licence.

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SCHEDULE

PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 33

CURRENCY POINT

One currency point is equivalent to twenty thousand shillings

PASSED by the City Council of Kampala on 30th day of April, 2004.

I HEREBY signify my hand this 10th day of May, 2005.

Cross References

Animal Diseases Act, Cap. 38

Animal (Prevention of Cruelty) Act, Cap. 39

Local Governments Act, Cap. 243

Public Health Act, Cap. 281.

Roads Act, Cap. 385

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