

ORDINANCE NO.:5296

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 10, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding traveling animal acts.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 10-276 is hereby amended to add the following definitions to read as follows:

Covered Animal means any of the following animals, and hybrids thereof:

- (1) Elephantidae;
- (2) Felidae, including any hybrids thereof, but excluding domestic cats;
- (3) Non-human primate; and
- (4) Ursidae.

Mobile or traveling housing facility means a transporting vehicle such as a truck, trailer or railway car, used to transport or house animals while traveling for exhibition or other performance.

Performance means any exhibition, public showing, presentation, display, exposition, fair, animal act, circus, ride, trade show, petting zoo, carnival, parade, race, or similar undertaking in which animals are required to perform tricks, give rides, or participate as accompaniments for the entertainment, amusement, or benefit of a live audience.

Traveling animal act means any performance of animals where such animals are transported to, from, or between locations for the purpose of such performance, in a mobile or traveling housing facility.

SECTION II: Section 10-277(c) is hereby created to read as follows:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall allow for the participation of a covered animal in a traveling animal act or possess a covered animal for the purpose of allowing the participation of the covered animal in a traveling animal act within the City of La Crosse.

SECTION III: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION IV: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Kahlow, Council President as Acting Mayor

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Nikki M. Elsen, City Clerk

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