

LYON FISCAL COURT
ORDINANCE NO. 340.2

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE KEEPING OR
HOLDING OF CERTAIN SPECIES OF WILDLIFE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Fiscal Court of the County of Lyon, Commonwealth of
Kentucky:

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has identified the
keeping or holding of certain species of wildlife as inherently dangerous to human health and
safety, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court of Lyon County is desirous of protecting the human health
and safety of the residents of Lyon County, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, KRS Chapter 65 permits a county to prohibit the holding of wildlife that
have been identified by the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources as inherently dangerous
to human health and safety,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Fiscal Court of Lyon County,
Kentucky, that the keeping or holding of the following species of wildlife which have been
declared by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources as inherently dangerous to
the human health and safety is prohibited:

- (1) African buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*);
- (2) Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibius*);
- (3) Hyenas (family *Hyaenidae*), all species except aardwolves
(*Proteles Cristatus*);
- (4) Old world badger (*Meles meles*);
- (5) Lions, jaguars, leopards, or tigers (Genus *Panthera*);
- (6) Clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*);
- (7) Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*);
- (8) Elephants (family *Elephantidae*);
- (9) Rhinoceroses (family *Rhinocerotidae*);
- (10) Gorillas (family *Pongidae*);
- (11) Baboons, drills, or mandrills (genus *Papio*);
- (12) Gelada baboon (*Theropithecus gelada*);
- (13) Gavials (family *Gavialidae*);
- (14) Crocodiles (family *Crocodylidae*);
- (15) Alligators or caimans (family *Alligatoridae*);
- (16) Sea snakes (family *Hydrophidae*);
- (17) Cobras or coral snakes (family *Elapidae*);
- (18) Adders or vipers (family *Viperidae*);
- (19) Venomous rear-fanged species (family *Colubridae*);
- (20) Gila monsters or beaded lizards (family *Helodermatidae*);
- (21) Komodo dragon (*Varanus komodoensis*);

- (22) Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*);
- (23) Bears (family Ursidae);
- (24) Cougar or mountain lion (*Felis concolor*).

Any wildlife kept in violation of the provisions of this section shall be seized and impounded by the appropriate law enforcement authorities and shall be confined in a suitable place.

This ordinance shall not apply to any zoological garden accredited by the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, appropriately licensed theatrical exhibits, carnivals or circuses, any authorized wildlife rehabilitator or licensed veterinary hospital for purposes of treating injured animals, or any federally-licensed research institution.

A violation of the provisions of this section shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in addition to the reasonable costs incurred in seizing, impounding and confining the wildlife. Each day such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

This ordinance shall become effective upon final consideration and passage.

Done this 15 day of July, 1998.

Terry O. McKinney
LYON COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

Suzanne De Fina
Lyon County Clerk

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