

ORDINANCE NO.

19-20
Series of 2019

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 4 OF THE HUDSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW POTBELLIED PIGS, SUBJECT TO LICENSING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HUDSON, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. Section 7-83 within the Hudson Municipal Code is revised as follows to include potbellied pig within the definition of pet animals:

Pet animals shall mean dogs, cats, potbellied pigs, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, turtles, aquarium fish, cage birds and other animals of a species that has been bred and raised to live in or about the habitation of humans and is dependent on people for food and shelter, including as many as, but not more than, four (4) rabbits. It shall not include domesticated sheep, horses, cattle, goats, swine, fowl, wildlife, hogs, ducks, geese, livestock or any or all other animals which are not specifically permitted by this Article.

Section 2. The Hudson Municipal Code is amended by the addition of a new Section 7-85 within Article 4, Chapter 7, to read as follows:

Chapter 7 – Health, Sanitation, Animals

ARTICLE 4 – Animals

Sec. 7-85. Potbellied pig.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain a potbellied pig in Town unless a license is obtained pursuant to this Section.
- (b) No more than one (1) potbellied pig is permitted on any property.
- (c) The owner of any potbellied pig shall keep such animal confined on the owner's property and when off the owner's property, the pig shall be kept under such owner's physical control by use of a leash held by someone who is capable of effectively controlling the animal.
- (d) The owner of any potbellied pig four (4) months of age or older shall procure a Town-issued license for the pig. Upon proof of neutering, the owner's certification as to the pig's weight, and payment of a license fee, the Town shall issue a dated and numbered receipt and corresponding tag. In the event of loss or destruction of the original license tag, the owner shall obtain another tag from the Town. Pig licenses are not transferable. It shall

be unlawful for any person to use or attempt to use a tag for any pig other than the pig for which the tag was originally issued.

(e) The license tag shall be worn by the pig at all times, or the owner may elect, at the owner's sole cost and expense, to have a microchip containing an identification number implanted into the pig.

(f) A male potbellied pig shall be neutered prior to four (4) months of age and a female potbellied pig shall be spayed prior to six (6) months of age.

(g) A potbellied pig shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) pounds in weight. Licensing of the pig shall include an owner's certification that the current, actual weight of the pig does not exceed one hundred fifty (150) pounds. At any time, an owner may be required to provide proof of the current weight of the pig in a form acceptable to the Town, as certified by an independent third-party.

(h) A potbellied pig shall only be kept as a pet for personal enjoyment, and not kept or raised for breeding, sale, or human consumption.

(i) Failure to license a pig, owning or possessing a pig exceeding one hundred fifty (150) pounds in weight, or otherwise failing to comply with the requirements of this Section is declared to be a nuisance and a violation of this Code, punishable according to Section 7-81(b) herein and Article 2 of this Chapter 7. Each and every day during which the nuisance continues shall be deemed a separate offense and shall be prosecutable and punishable as a separate offense.

Section 3. Safety Clause. The Town Council hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town of Hudson, that it is promulgated for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The Council further determines that the Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be attained.

Section 4. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction invalid, such judgment shall not affect application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after final publication by title only.

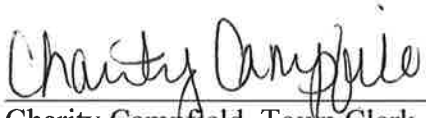
18 INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, AND ADOPTED ON FIRST READING this
day of September, 2019.

TOWN OF HUDSON, COLORADO



Laura Hargis, Mayor


ATTEST:



Charity Campfield, Town Clerk


PASSED by a vote of 6 for and 0 against AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY
TITLE ONLY, with a complete copy available for public inspection and acquisition in the office
of the town clerk this 2 day of October, 2019.

TOWN OF HUDSON, COLORADO



Laura Hargis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Charity Campfield, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Corey Y. Hoffmann, Town Attorney

