

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 18, Animals, of the Joplin City Code by amending Sec. 18-1 Definitions and adding language to Sec. 18-12 Limitation on Number of Cats and Dogs, clarifying the number of animals allowed in a dwelling.

WHEREAS, Sec. 18-12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin establishes limits on the number of dogs and cats allowed by each person in the city, and

WHEREAS, Sec. 18-12 requires additional clarification as to the number of animals allowed in a dwelling.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 18-1 Definitions of Article I, In General, of Chapter 18 Animals of the Joplin City Code be amended by adding the definition of dwelling to read as follows:

“Sec. 18-1 Definitions.

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Dwelling. A Building or portion thereof, designed exclusively for residential occupancy of a single family. A dwelling may include a detached building arranged, intended, or designed for occupancy of a single family, any single dwelling unit of any duplex, triplex, four-plex or other multifamily apartment building. Dwelling includes all of the property or lot and all structures on such lot, such as garages, sheds, outbuildings or other areas of the property where the dwelling unit is found. “

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Section 2. That Section 18-12. Limitation on Number of Cats and Dogs of Article I. General, of Chapter 18 Animals of the Joplin City Code be amended by adding additional language to the section to read as follows:

“Sec. 18-12.-Limitation on number of cats and dogs.

No person or persons residing in one dwelling shall at any time keep, harbor or own as pets more than a combined total of four adult dogs and cats at the dwelling. Any young produced by any adult dog or cat permitted herein that causes an exceedance of the four animal limit may be maintained with the parent animals for a period of up to ten weeks.”

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Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective from and after December 1, 2016.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 7th day of November, 2016.

Ryan D. Stanley, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney