

**DELHI CODE OF ORDINANCES**

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## TITLE IV MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

### CHAPTER 2 DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS ANIMALS IN THE CITY

4-2-1 Dangerous Animals

4-2-2 Dangerous Animals, Exceptions

4-2-1 DANGEROUS ANIMALS - No person shall keep, shelter or harbor for any purpose within the City limits of the City of Delhi, a dangerous animal without the express written approval of the Mayor of the City of Delhi.

Unless otherwise expressly stated or the context clearly indicates a different intention, the following term shall, for the purpose of this article, have the meanings in this section.

1. Any animal which is not naturally tame or gentle, and which is of a wild nature or disposition, and which is capable of killing, inflicting serious injury upon, or causing disease among human being or domestic animals, and having known tendencies as a species to do so.

2. The following animals which shall be deemed to be dangerous animals per se:

- a. Lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, lynx, and bobcats
- b. Wolves, coyotes, and foxes
- c. Badgers, wolverines, weasels, skunks and mink
- d. Raccoons
- e. Bears
- f. Monkeys and chimpanzees, apes
- g. Alligators and crocodiles
- h. Scorpions, gila monsters
- i. Snakes that are venomous or constrictors
- j. Staffordshire Terriers - known as pit bulls
- k. Any cross breed of such animals which have similar characteristics of the animals specified above

3. Any animals declared to be dangerous by the Delaware County Board of Health or the Mayor and City Council of the City of Delhi.

4-2-2 DANGEROUS ANIMALS, EXCEPTIONS.

The prohibition contained above shall not apply to the keeping of dangerous animals in the following circumstances:

1. The keeping of dangerous animals in a public zoo, bona fide educational or medical institution, humane society, or museum where they are kept as live specimens for the public to view, or for the purpose of instruction, research or study, and has the written approval of the City Council of Delhi.

2. The keeping of dangerous animals for exhibition to the public by a bona fide traveling

circus, carnival, exhibit or show licensed to perform in the City of Delhi.  
(Ordinance 232, Passed November 13, 1990)