COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-5
Dangerous Exotic Animals Ordinance
Vermillion County, Indiana

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING DANGEROUS EXOTIC ANIMALS

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County that a need exists regarding dangerous exotic animals.

Therefore the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County by its inherent authority is creating this ordinance to address this issue.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Vermillion County Commissioners that:

SECTION 1. No person may harbor, care for, act as a custodian, or maintain in his/her possession any dangerous animal or non-human primate except at a property maintained zoological park, federally licensed exhibit, circus, scientific institution, research laboratory or veterinary hospital.

SECTION 2. "Dangerous animal" means a Class II or Class III wild animal as defined by 312/AC 9-11-7 and 312/AC 9-11-8 or non-human primates.

SECTION 3. Any person caught in possession of a "dangerous animal" shall have to pay possible fines of up to $500.00 and/or be subject to confiscation of the animal.

SECTION 4. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Adopted and passed by Vermillion County Board of Commissioners this 14th day of May, 2019.

President

ATTEST:
Auditor of Vermillion County

Advertised on May 17th and May 24th, 2019