

ORDINANCE NO. 16,429

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by adding and enacting Section 18-21, relating to interfering with animals.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, is hereby amended, by adding and enacting Section 18-21, relating to interfering with animals, as follows:

Sec. 18-21. Interfering with animals prohibited.

- (1) No person, other than as designated by the A.H. Blank Park Zoo Director, shall enter or attempt to enter, tamper with, or damage, the fencing and other barriers of the animal enclosures at A.H. Blank Park Zoo.
- (2) No person shall cross, attempt to cross, or put themselves, their body parts, or other individuals across any safety barriers at A.H. Blank Park Zoo intended to prevent the animals from coming into contact with the general public.
- (3) No person shall place or throw any object(s) into any exhibit or at animals or into the animal enclosures at A.H. Blank Park Zoo.
- (4) No person shall feed or attempt to feed any animal at the A.H. Blank Park Zoo, other than as designated by the A.H. Blank Park Zoo Director.
- (5) No person shall provoke, agitate, or attempt to provoke or agitate, any of the animals at the A.H. Blank Park Zoo by making unreasonable sounds, gestures, movements or by using any object to touch the animals.

Secs. 18-22—18-40. Reserved.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED: Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

Connie Boesen, Mayor

Attest: I, Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance (Roll Call No. 25-0158), passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on January 27, 2025 and signed by the Mayor on January 27, 2025 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on February 14, 2025. Authorized by Publication Order No. 12914.

Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk