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Exotic Animals, Excessive Noise Ordinances Approved by Hollister Aldermen

By: Sam Clanton
Posted: Friday, August 19, 2011

Hollister aldermen have passed on first reading an ordinance requiring a permit and application fee for exotic and regulated animals. The law would affect residents and businesses that house animals like monkeys, tigers, wolves, alligators and venomous snakes that can attain a length of 8 feet or longer.

Building official Trent Bowers helped draft the bill. He explained to aldermen why he wanted to include several licensing authorities in the document...

The exotic and regulated animals ordinance requires an annual 100-dollar application fee, plus 1-million dollars in liability insurance naming the city as additionally insured.

Aldermen began discussing the law when Hollister officials learned that large cats used in the Fercos Brothers Show in Branson, are being housed in a warehouse facility in the city's industrial park.

=====(2nd version)=====

The City of Hollister is amending its peace disturbance code to include restrictions on excessive noise. An ordinance passed on first reading this week would make it unlawful to produce sound emissions that exceed 75 decibels between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

City Administrator Rick Ziegenfuss said the law affects construction zones and outdoor music events...

Decibel readings would be recorded at the place of complaint. Penalties if convicted include a fine of up to 500-dollars, or imprisonment for up to 90 days. Aldermen consider final passage of the excessive noise ordinance next month.

=====(3rd version)=====

Hollister aldermen have given first-round approval to a couple of bills pertaining to exotic animals and excessive noise. The laws require permits and fees for the housing of exotic animals, and impose penalties for noise emissions that exceed 75 decibels.

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