

**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION  
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-001**

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**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK  
WITHIN THE CITY**

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**§ 90.40 DEFINITION.**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definition shall apply.

**LIVESTOCK.** The term “livestock” shall be defined to include cattle, horses, mules, colts, jennets, cows, bulls, hogs, goats, sheep, jacks, fowl, chickens, and all livestock of any description kept or raised for use, pleasure, hobby or profit. Domestic dogs, cats, rabbits and caged birds are excluded from this definition and this ordinance shall not apply thereto.

**§ 90.41 LIVESTOCK PROHIBITION**

Except as specifically set forth herein, the keeping, maintenance, and raising of livestock within the city limits is prohibited and is hereby declared to be a nuisance and a menace to public health.

**§ 90.42 LIVESTOCK RUNNING AT LARGE.**

It is further unlawful for any person to permit livestock to run at large within the city.

**§ 90.43 PROXIMITY TO RESIDENCES; MAXIMUM NUMBER**

On any lot or lots contiguous to each other within the corporate limits of the City of Smiths Grove which contain at least one (1) acre, the owner of said land, notwithstanding the above prohibition, shall be permitted to keep and maintain one (1) head of livestock. For lots located within the city which are two (2) acres or less than ten (10) acres of contiguous land shall be permitted to keep and maintain additional heads of livestock in a ratio of one (1) head of livestock per acre of contiguous land located within the corporate limits. Any tract of land contiguous to each other and located entirely within the city which is ten (10) acres or greater shall not be restricted or subject to the prohibitions contained in this ordinance but shall be restricted to the extent that the number and manner of keeping of livestock does not create a public nuisance.

**§ 90.44 ANNEXATION.**

Any person, firm, or corporation that is otherwise maintaining, raising or keeping livestock upon land owned by that person or entity at the time the legislative body acts on an ordinance proposing the annexation of such property, once the land or property is annexed into the city, said person shall be permitted to continue its livestock operation without expansion upon the land notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance.

**§ 90.99 PENALTY.**

(A) Any person who violates any provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$500.00 for each offense. Each day the violation exists, shall constitute a separate offense.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF SMITHS GROVE, KENTUCKY:**

That this Ordinance becomes effective upon its passage and publication according to law.

Passed on First Reading by roll call vote on the 28th day of April, 2025.

Passed on Second Reading by roll call vote on the 27th day of May, 2025.

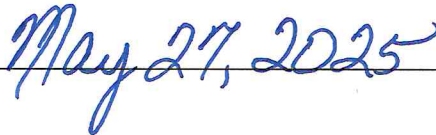
APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
ALICE ELKINS, CITY CLERK

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

  
May 27, 2025