

Hinds County Sheriff's Department – Animal Control Division

Wild Animal* Variance

Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

Address: _____

Type/Number of Animal(s): _____ Date: _____

It is unlawful for any wild animal(s)* to be kept within the limits of Hinds County unless the owner has been granted a wild animal permit from the Hinds County Sheriff's Department -- Animal Control Division through this variance procedure.

Owner(s) have two (2) weeks from the variance request date to come into compliance with the ordinance. If you are not in compliance by the end of the two (2) week period, the animal(s) will be picked up by animal control and held for one additional week at the rate of \$20 per day, per animal. If you are still not in compliance by the end of the third week, the animals will be turned over to an animal rescue league for either adoption or euthanasia and cannot be returned to the owner(s).

Signature of Applicant _____ Print Name _____
The granting of a variance does not relieve the animal's owner from any and all liability incurred as a result of the animal's actions.

I. PEN/ENCLOSURE (Inspected by HCSO Animal Control)	Acceptable
A. Chain link fence around enclosure, a minimum of six (6) feet in height; and have padlock and be at least 10 feet x 10 feet in diameter.	_____
B. Roof/cover capable of preventing animal(s) from escaping pen/enclosure.	_____
C. Concrete floor covering entire enclosed area.	_____
D. Provide adequate shelter/housing.	_____

Inspected & Approved: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

II. INSURANCE: \$100,000 (minimum) Home Owner's or Rental Policy and letter from insurance company indicating their knowledge of animal(s) presence on the property.

Company: _____ Agent: _____

Policy Number: _____ Verified by County _____

Any change in the above conditions requires re-inspection and approval. Any variance approved may be revoked for good cause. This variance shall expire in twenty-four (24) months.

**Please return this form, along with a payment in the amount of \$10.00, to
HCSO - Animal Control Division.**

As provided in the AMENDED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE OF THE HINDS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, Revised May 25, 2019. "Wild Animals" shall mean all animals which can normally be found in the wild state and are not ordinarily domesticated by man, whether raised in captivity or – the wild, including, but not limited to reptiles, lions, tigers, bears, wolves, apes, monkeys, foxes, baboons, skunks, raccoons, opossums and squirrels. Also, Any animal that that could be considered a potential menace to the public. This shall include but not be limited to hybrid wolf-dogs, pit bull breeds (purebred or any amount) and/or fighting dogs.