



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Council Session

Item G18

#2002-284 - Approving Amendment to the Approved Animal List

Chapter Five - Animals provides for establishment of a list of wild animals which may be kept in the City limits. The list was originally compiled by the Animal Advisory Board and approved by the Mayor and City Council. If a request is received to add an animal to the list, the Animal Advisory Board conducts a hearing at which the proponent of the additional animal is allowed to make their case that the new species will not be a threat to human health, safety or welfare or that of animals already on the list. Recently a request was received to add hawks and falcons to the list. The proponent showed the board the licensing process for keeping such birds including state and federal testing, inspections, and mentoring. The board recommends adding hawks and falcons to the Approved Animal List provided the keeper is properly qualified and licensed by relevant federal, state and local jurisdictions. Approval of the revised Approved Animal List is recommended.

Staff Contact: Charlie Cuypers

RESOLUTION 2002-284

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 of the Grand Island City Code sets out the city regulations pertaining to animals; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-40 of the city code prohibits wild animals within the city limits other than those identified on an Approved Animal List, which was adopted and approved by the City Council on February 16, 1998, by Resolution 98-51; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2002, the Animal Advisory Board approved an amendment to such Approved Animal List to allow hawks and falcons within the city limits if the owner complies with all city, state and federal regulations for the possession of such animals; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Advisory Board is requesting the Mayor and City Council to approve such amendment to the Approve Animal List.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Approved Animal List as referenced in Section 5-40 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to allow hawks and falcons within the city limits if the owner complies with all city, state and federal regulations for the possession of such animals.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on September 10, 2002.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ? _____ September 6, 2002 ? City Attorney
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