

ORDINANCE No. 1920

AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO AMEND SECTION 6.04.060 OF THE CITY CODE TO DEFINE TRESPASSING IN THE CITY ZOO AND BEN'S RED SWINGS PLAYGROUND.

WHEREAS the City Council desires to provide a safe environment for the visitors to the City of Salisbury Zoo and Ben's Red Swings Playground;

WHEREAS the City Council desires to protect the zoo's animal collection by establishing standards of conduct for the zoo's visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland, in regular session, that Section 6.04.060 is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

Chapter 6.04
Dogs, Fowl and Other Animals

Section 6.04.060 – Damage or destruction of zoo animals and birds prohibited – Trespassing on zoo property.

- A. No person shall willfully damage or destroy, hunt, shoot, kill, catch, trap, poison, wound, remove, drive off, harass, or enclose any birds, reptiles, animals or young or eggs of such birds, reptiles, or animals, while such are kept or maintained in the city zoo (Ord. 1709 § 1 (par), 1999).
- B. No visitor to the city zoo shall:
 - 1. Feed, touch, or pet any animal, bird or reptile without permission of zoo staff. Visitors must be in the presence and under the supervision of zoo staff or zoo docents that are specifically authorized by the Director of the zoo to supervise feeding, touching, or petting animals, birds or reptiles.
 - 2. Climb over any fence, gates, or other similar structures intended to provide a safety buffer between visitors and the zoo's collection of birds, animals, and reptiles without zoo staff permission and escort.
 - 3. Enter or attempt to enter any animal, bird, or reptile enclosure without zoo staff permission and escort.
 - 4. Enter or attempt to enter the zoo at any time other than the posted visitor hours without zoo staff permission and escort.
 - 5. Climb over, under, through, around, or damage any fence, gates, or other similar structures that comprise the zoo's perimeter barrier.
 - 6. Bring any animals into the zoo without prior zoo staff permission. Specially trained Assist Animals to help disabled people are exempt from the animal restriction.

- 7. Ride bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or other wheeled transport within the city zoo's perimeter except:
 - a. Wheelchairs or other similar transport for visitors with a disability or handicap; and
 - b. Strollers, baby carriages, or other similar transports for young children.

- C. No visitor to Ben's Red Swings Playground shall:
 - 1. Enter or attempt to enter the playground at any time other than the posted visitor hours without City staff permission and escort.
 - 2. Climb over, under, around, or damage any fence, gates, or other similar structures that comprise the playground's perimeter barrier.
 - 3. Bring any animals into the Ben's Red Swings playground without prior City staff permission. Specially trained Assist Animals to help handicapped and disabled people are exempt from the animal restriction.
 - 4. Ride bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or other wheeled transport within the playground's perimeter except:
 - a. Wheelchairs or other similar transport for visitors with a disability; and
 - b. Strollers, baby carriages, or other similar transport for young children.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, the changes set forth in this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 13th day of December, 2004, and having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed at its meeting on the _____ day of _____, 2004.

ATTEST:

 Brenda J. Colegrove
 City Clerk

 Michael P. Dunn
 President of the City Council of the
 City of Salisbury

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2004.

 Barrie P. Tilghman
 Mayor of the City of Salisbury