

REPEALED By 57-5

ORDINANCE NO. 57-3

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE KEEPING OF HORSES, PONIES, CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS AND SWINE TO BE A NUISANCE, AND PROHIBITING SAME, AND ALLOWING OWNERS OF SUCH ANIMALS THIRTY DAYS WITHIN WHICH TO DISPOSE OF OR MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE KEEPING OF ANY SUCH ANIMALS NOW BEING KEPT WITHIN THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FORENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAME.

BE IT ORDAINED By the City of Belle Meade:

SECTION 1. In order to set out the legislative intent, and to state the purposes for which this ordinance is enacted and the acts and conduct which it is designed to prevent, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade declare that:

(a) Many complaints have been received by the Mayor, Vice Mayor, the Commissioner and the City Manager and other officials of the city relative to the keeping of horses, ponies and cattle on property occupied by residents of the city.

(b) The Board of Commissioners are advised that the keeping of horses, ponies, cattle, sheep, goats and swine will cause, or is likely to cause, unsanitary and unhealthful conditions, as well as unpleasant odors and disagreeable sights and noises, which will offend the general health, safety and welfare of residents of the city nearby and adjoining those places where any of the livestock mentioned hereinabove are kept.

(c) The development of the city for residential purposes has proceeded to such an extent that there are few, if any, home sites affording sufficient open space for pasturage and exercise of horses, ponies, cattle, sheep, goats and swine, and practically no place where such animals can be kept without causing unsanitary, unhealthful and disagreeable conditions, affecting not only the keepers thereof but their neighbors.


(d) There still remain a few instances in which horses and ponies are kept by residents of the city for their own use, and a reasonable period of time for their disposition by their owners should be allowed.

SECTION 2. The keeping of horses, ponies, cattle, sheep, goats and swine within the City of Belle Meade is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and is hereby prohibited, from and after the effective date of this ordinance.


SECTION 3. In all those instances where any horses, ponies, cattle, sheep, goats or swine are now being kept on property in the City of Belle Meade, their owner may, upon application to the City Manager, be granted permission to keep such animals as are on their premises on the effective date of this ordinance, but no others, for a period not in excess of thirty days from date of issuance of such permission to keep said animals by the City Manager to such owners. No such animal may be kept on any premises after the effective date hereof without such permit.

SECTION 4. Any person who shall keep, or allow to be kept, on any premises in the City of Belle Meade, any horse, pony, cattle, sheep, goats or swine, shall be subject to a fine of not less than TWO DOLLARS (\$2.00) nor more than FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for each animal so kept, and each day of keeping such animal shall constitute a separate offense. In the discretion of the City Manager suit may be brought in the Chancery or Circuit Court of Davidson County for enforcement of this ordinance or of any of the provisions thereof.

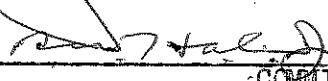
SECTION 5. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and words of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and in the event the valid decree of any Court of competent jurisdiction shall hold any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or word to be unconstitutional, or in excess of the powers vested in the Board of Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade by law, such holding, or decree, shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or words in this ordinance, for the same would have been enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade without incorporating in this ordinance any such unconstitutional section or sections, paragraph or paragraphs, sentence or sentences, clause or clauses, word or words, or calling for the exercise of any such excess powers.




 MAYOR



 VICE MAYOR



 COMMISSIONER



 RECORDER

Passed on First Reading
 May 2, 1957

Passed on Second Reading
 May 8, 1957

Passed on Third Reading
 and Adopted
 May 17, 1957