

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF
JONES COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER REGULATING THE PRESENCE OF ANIMALS WITHIN
THE JONES COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND COUNTY BUILDINGS**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 22ND day of May 2017 came on to be considered a Motion by Commissioner Whitehorn, seconded by Commissioner Lefevre, to regulate the presence of all animals, except necessary service animals and law enforcement animals, in the Jones County Courthouse and County Buildings.

The Commissioners Court, pursuant to the authority provided by §291.001 and §291.003 of the Texas Local Government Code has the discretion to establish reasonable regulations regarding the use of county property and buildings, including the County Courthouse. Given the need for public safety and reasonable decorum within the Courthouse and County Buildings at all times, and in all public places within the Courthouse and County Buildings the Commissioners Court makes the following findings and Order:

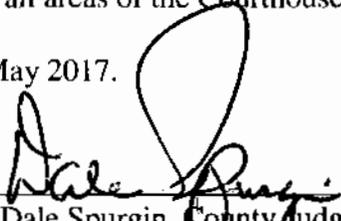
1. No person, including any county officer or employee, may bring upon the premises of the Jones Courthouse and County Buildings, any pet or other animal, (including birds, snakes, fish, dog, cat, insect, mammal or reptile), with the exception of service animals for individuals suffering deficits of:
 - a. Vision
 - b. Hearing
 - c. Mobility
 - d. emotional limitations, or
 - e. other medically approved service animals.
 - f. Additionally, animals trained in the detection of gas or water leaks, illegal drugs, explosives, poison, weapons, or other dangerous materials may be,

Exhibit J

from time to time, allowed within the Courthouse and County Buildings under the control of qualified handlers under the supervision of the Sheriff for public safety within the Courthouse and County Buildings.

2. This Order shall take immediate effect, and shall be applicable at all times and shall apply in all areas within the Courthouse and County Buildings. For purposes of this Order, public places shall include all areas of the Courthouse and County Buildings.

This Order is dated the 22nd day of May 2017.



Dale Spurgin, County Judge

Attest:



LeeAnn Jennings, County Clerk

