BILL NO. 2668 ORDINANCE NO. 2509

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SECTION 2 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD AS IT RELATES TO ANIMAL CONTROL BY ADDING PROVISIONS THERETO.

WHEREAS, State law grants and affirms the City of Chesterfield's authority to regulate the keeping of wild animals and farm animals within city limits; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Chesterfield has found that the keeping of wild animals or farm animals may pose a unique impediment to the health, safety, public welfare and environment of the City of Chesterfield and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chesterfield also recognizes that the keeping of certain non-domestic animals can be an asset to the owners of said animals,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions.

(a) *Farm Animal.* For the purpose of this statute, "farm animal" means an animal that would normally be located on a farm and includes, but is not limited to, horses, donkeys, mules, cows, pigs (including pot-bellied pigs), chickens and other fowl and poultry.

(b) *Wild Animal.* For the purpose of this statute, "wild animal" means any living member of the animal kingdom, including those born or raised in captivity, except the following: domestic dogs (excluding hybrids with wolves, coyotes, or jackals), domestic cats (excluding hybrids with ocelots, or margays), farm animals, rodents, captive-bred species of common, caged birds, fish, rodents or reptiles.

Section 2. Except for dogs, cats and non-domestic animals which are otherwise provided for in this Code, and except for traditional household pets such as caged birds and other similar caged animals and aquarium animals, no person shall keep, raise, harbor or offer for sale any farm animal or wild animal, including but not limited to cattle, cow, bull, hog, horse, donkey, sheep, pig, goat, chicken, goose, duck, turkey, skunk, or raccoon within the City, unless such animal is kept in an enclosed area on a tract of land on property of at least two (2) acres or more in size. Persons keeping farm animals, including horses, donkeys, mules, cows, pigs (including pot-bellied pigs), chicken hens and other fowl and poultry on property less than two acres, but more than one acre, as of February 2, 2009, shall be permitted to keep raising said farm animals on their property that is greater than one acre in size. All persons who begin to

raise or keep said farm animals after February 2, 2009 shall do so exclusively on property of at least two acres in size.

Section 3. No person shall own, possess, or have custody on his or her premises any wild animal for display, training, or exhibition purposes whether gratuitously or for a fee.

Section 4. No person shall keep or permit to be kept any wild animal as a pet.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED ~~Passed and Approved~~ this 2nd day of February, 2009.

APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

First Reading Held: _____