CITY OF HILLS AND DALES, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE 2026-1
AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO ANIMAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, the City Commission ("the Commission") of the City of Hills and Dales (the "City") has reviewed and discussed concerns expressed by residents of the community and has determined that it is necessary to enact a local animal control ordinance with mechanisms for local enforcement for the safety and general well-being of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, this animal control ordinance does not contravene the authority of any existing Jefferson County, KY animal ordinance that applies to residents of the City; and,

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Commission of the City that,

(1) TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Animal Control Ordinance".

(2) GENERAL REGULATIONS

a. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot within the City of Hills and Dales. However, dogs, cats and other domesticated household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose.

b. It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in charge of any dog, cat or domesticated animal to permit the animal to run at large in the City and/or onto the private property of other residents within the City of Hills and Dales.

c. It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in charge of any dog to permit the dog to be on the public roadways of the City unless the dog is on a leash and under absolute control of the owner or owner's agent.

d. It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in charge of any dog to permit the dog to defecate on City property or private property unless the feces is immediately thereafter picked up and disposed of properly.

(3) OBJECTIONABLE ACTIONS

a. It shall be unlawful for an owner or person in charge of any dog, cat or other domesticated animal to permit the animal to exhibit the following objectionable actions:

1. incessantly bark, howl, yelp, or whine creating unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of a character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet and good order of one or more of the inhabitants of two or more separate residences;
2. habitually go onto the private property of other residents;
3. habitually turn over or get into garbage cans, or damage shrubbery or items of personal property that are on the private property of other residents;
4. habitually run at, jump on, chase, bark at, bite, or in any way frighten, molest or scare any person;
5. chase, attack, or kill any dog or other animal;
6. chase motor vehicles, bicycles, scooters, skateboards or walkers.

(4) REPORTING A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE

a. Any resident who believes this Ordinance has been violated may submit a report in writing to any member of the Commission. The report should include the name and address of the animal owner or person in charge of the animal, a description of the alleged violation and the date, time and place of the occurrence.

b. The City Commission will review the report at the next regularly scheduled City Commission meeting on the second Thursday of the month, or sooner if the Commission deems it necessary to call a special meeting.

c. After reviewing the evidence and making findings of fact, the Commission will determine, by an open vote, whether or not the activity described in the report submitted constitutes a violation of this Ordinance.

(5) NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Whenever a violation of any provision of this Ordinance is found to exist, the animal owner and/or the person in charge of the animal, shall receive a Notice of Violation (NOV) in writing either by first-class mail or hand delivery. The notice shall describe the violation and shall demand abatement within a prescribed period of time beginning on the date of notice.

(6) ENFORCEMENT

a. After a notice of violation has been sent to the animal owner and/or the person in charge of the animal, but before the end of the period of time given for abatement, the Commission, or its authorized code enforcement officer, may mediate with the animal owner and/or the person in charge of the animal to try to resolve the issue.

b. Failure to resolve the issue regarding a violation of this Ordinance through mediation will result in penalties for the animal owner and/or the person in charge of the animal as described in Section (7) below.

(7) PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Violation of this Ordinances shall constitute a violation which carries a fine of not less than $50 and no more than $250. Fines will apply to the initial violation and each subsequent violation.

(9) EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, signing and publication as required by law.

First Reading held:	November 13, 2025
Second Reading held:	February 12, 2026
Passage on:	March 12, 2026
Published on:	April 3, 2026

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Commission held this 12th day of March, 2026.

Andreas Wokutch

Andreas Wokutch, Mayor

Jeanne Keats

ATTEST Jeanne Keats, City Clerk