

**CHAPTER 65A**

**SNAKES**

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Dunkirk on 2-7-1995 under Local Law #3 of 1995. Amendments noted where applicable.]

**§ 65A-1. Purpose and Intent.**

The purpose and intent of this chapter shall be to preserve the public peace and good order in this City and to promote the general welfare and the preservation and protection of the property and the person of residents of this City by the enforcement of regulations and restrictions on activities of snakes within the municipality.

**§ 65A-2. Regulations and Restrictions Upon Snakes.**

Any person owning, possessing or harboring a snake, whether poisonous or nonpoisonous, who fails to exercise due care in safeguarding the public from bodily harm from said snake, has created a public nuisance and threat to public safety. A person owning, possessing or harboring a snake shall be considered not exercising due care unless the snake appearing in public is properly caged to avoid bodily harm. For purposes of this section, "in public" shall mean any location other than the immediate indoor dwelling area of the person owning, possessing or harboring a snake. Any person failing to properly cage a snake shall be in violation of this section and be subject to the penalties as outlined in § 65A-3.

**§ 65A-3. Penalties For Offenses.**

Any person, upon being convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) or by imprisonment for not more than one hundred fifty (150) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**§ 65A-4. Effective Date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.