

## **ARTICLE 1: ANIMALS, VEGETABLE OR MINERAL MATTER**

**Section 1.** No person shall throw, put or deposit or cause or permit any person in his or her employ to throw, put or deposit any vegetable, animal or mineral matter, straw, shavings, leather, paper, glass, tin, iron, earthenware or parts thereof, slops, manure, offal or filth or who shall cause, permit the flow or stagnation of any filthy or stinking liquid on any public square, commons, unenclosed grounds, street, alley, highway, sidewalk or gutter in the town.

**Section 2.** No person having a vertebrate animal in his or her custody shall recklessly, knowingly or intentionally abandon or neglect the animal.

**Section 3.** It shall be unlawful to harbor or keep any dogs which disturb the peace by barking, baying or whining at any time of the day or night.

**Section 4.** Any dog found in the town running at large under conditions set forth above is hereby declared to be a nuisance and the Town Marshal and the Deputy Town Marshals are authorized to kill any such dog when it is necessary for the protection of any person or property.

**Section 5.** Whenever any dog bites a person, the owner of such dog shall immediately notify the town marshal who shall order the dog held on the owner's premises or shall have it impounded for a period of two weeks. The dog shall be examined immediately after it has bitten anyone and again at the end of the two-week period. If, at the end of two weeks, a veterinarian is convinced that the dog is then free from rabies the dog shall be released. If the dog dies in the meanwhile, its head shall be sent to the State Department of Health for examination for rabies.

**Section 6.** It shall be unlawful to permit any cattle, horse, swine, sheep, goats or poultry to run at large in the town. It shall further be unlawful to picket or tie any such animal in any of the streets of the town for the purpose of grazing or feeding.

### **Section 7.**

1) No animal afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease shall be allowed to run at large or to be exposed in any public place whereby the health of a human being or beast may be affected; nor shall such diseased animal be shipped or removed from the premises of the owner thereof, except under the supervision of the Town Marshal.

2) The Town Marshal shall secure such disposition of any diseased animal and such treatment of affected premises as to prevent the communication and spread of the contagion or infection, except in cases where the state veterinarian is empowered to act.

### **Section 8.**

1) No person shall cause or allow any stable, kennel pen or place where any animal is or may be kept to become unclean or unwholesome or ill-smelling and it shall be unlawful to keep any live swine or pigs in the town.

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2) It shall be unlawful to keep or have any goats anywhere in the town or any cattle or chickens within 150 feet of any residence, other than the residence of the person so keeping or having such animals anywhere in the town.

**Section 9.** As used in Article 1 of Title III of the Municipal Code, the meaning of terms are as follows.

- 1) **ANIMAL.** Any living creature, domestic or wild other than human beings.
- 2) **KENNEL.** Any person, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of breeding, buying, selling or boarding dogs and cats.
- 3) **OWNER.** Any person, partnership or corporation owning, keeping or harboring animals.
- 4) **PET SHOP.** Any person, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of breeding, buying, selling or boarding animals of the species.
- 5) **VETERINARY HOSPITAL.** Any establishment maintained and operated by a licensed veterinarian for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries of animals.

**Section. 10.** A violation of any section of this article shall be a Class C infraction. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues on public sidewalks and other public places within the corporate limits of the town.  
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