

Chapter 4

ANIMALS AND FOWL*

Sec. 4-1. Livestock defined.

As used in this chapter the term "livestock" shall include horses, cattle, goats and sheep.

Sec. 4-1.1. Enforcement.

The provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by a city official or county health officer. (Ord. No. 465, § 1, 2-25-80)

Sec. 4-2. Rabies inoculation.

The owner or keeper of any dog which is at least six (6) months of age shall annually have such dog inoculated with an anti-rabies vaccine approved by the state. Such vaccine shall be administered by a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state. (Ord. No. 465, § 2, 2-25-80)

Sec. 4-3. Swine prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or keep swine within the city.

Sec. 4-4. Keeping of livestock.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any livestock within three hundred (300) feet of the residence of another, or to suffer or permit livestock to remain on his property within three hundred (300) feet of the residence of another.

Sec. 4-5. Livestock or fowl at large.

It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper or person having custody of any livestock or fowl to suffer or permit such livestock or fowl to roam or be at large. (Ord. No. 465, § 3, 2-25-80)

Sec. 4-6. Dogs at large.

The owner, keeper or person having custody of any dog shall not suffer or permit it to roam at large. As used in the section the term "at large" shall mean off the premises of the owner, keeper or custodian and not under the control of such person by means of a leash, cord, chain or similar device. (Ord. No. 465, § 4, 2-25-80)

*Cross references—Horses in Chipley Park, § 16-17; animals on sidewalks, § 22-6.

State law reference—Municipal Home Rule Powers Act, F.S. Ch. 166.

Sec. 4-7. Dogs in oestrus cycle.

A dog which is in her oestrus cycle shall be kept confined by the owner, keeper or custodian of such dog on premises. (Ord. No. 465, § 5, 2-25-80)

Sec. 4-8. Noisy animals.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, whether the owner, or anyone having charge, custody or control thereof, to keep any dogs or cats within the limits of the city which bark or howl at night so as to disturb the sleep or peace and quietude of any inhabitants of the city.

(b) Any animal or fowl which persistently makes noises, or otherwise conducts itself in a manner which unduly excites and generally annoys citizens of the city is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and any person keeping, maintaining, or aiding and abetting in the keeping or maintaining of any such animal or fowl shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. No. 465, § 6, 2-25-80)

Sec. 4-9. Odors from pens or coops.

In areas where the keeping or maintaining of animals or fowl is permitted under this chapter, it shall be unlawful to so maintain coops, sties, pens or enclosures where such fowl or livestock are kept in an insanitary manner, or in such condition that odors from such premises can be detected by persons inhabiting residences or living quarters; such places so maintained are hereby declared to be nuisances. (Ord. No. 465, § 7, 2-25-80)

Sec. 4-10. Bird sanctuary.

(a) The entire area embraced within the corporate limits of the city is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(b) It shall be unlawful to trap, hunt, shoot or attempt to shoot or molest in any manner any bird or wild fowl or to rob bird nests or wild fowl nests; provided, however, if starlings or similar birds are found to be congregating in such numbers in a particular locality that they constitute a nuisance or menace to health or property in the opinion of the proper health authorities of the city, then in such event, said health authorities shall meet with representatives of the Audubon Society, bird club, garden club, or humane society, or as many of said clubs as are found to exist in the city, after having given at least three (3) days actual notice of the time and place of said meeting to the representatives of said clubs. If as a result of said meeting no satisfactory alternative is found to abate such nuisance, then said birds may be destroyed in such number and in such manner as is deemed advisable by said health authorities under the supervision of the chief law enforcement official. (Ord. No. 465, § 8, 2-25-80)

Sec. 4-11. Impoundment.

Any animal or fowl which is in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be impounded by the chief law enforcement officer or such other officer as may be designated by the city council. Such officer shall keep a record of such impoundments and surrender custody each day of animals or fowl impounded each day to the humane society. (Ord. No. 465, § 9, 2-25-80)

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