

ORDINANCE ON THE CONTROL OF ANIMALS, FOWL AND LIVESTOCK

IN GENERAL

POISONING ANIMALS - No person shall put out or cause to be put out any poison within the Town for the killing of any dog or other domestic animal.

MANNER OF KEEPING - No person shall keep, maintain or permit any animal or fowl in the Town in such manner as to create an unsanitary or obnoxious condition, or to become noisy, offensive or a nuisance to the neighbors or citizens of the Town, or to disturb the peace of the Town.

Should a complaint arise from the causes referred to the above paragraph the person involved will be properly notified and given adequate time to either dispose of the animal or fowl or eliminate the cause of the complaint.

VICIOUS ANIMALS - No owner or other person shall maintain or harbor within the limits of the Town a manifestly vicious dog or other animal unless it is securely, but humanely confined or restrained in such a manner as to prevent this dog or other animal from attacking or biting a person or another animal.

It shall be prima facie evidence of viciousness if a dog or other animal, without provocation, fiercely attacks or bites persons or animals not on the owner's premises.

DEAD ANIMALS - No person shall bury the carcass of any dead animal other than household pets anywhere inside the Town limits.

No person owning or interested in any animal which has died shall leave the body or carcass thereof anywhere inside the Town limits.

BIRD SANCTUARY - The entire area embraced within the corporate limits of the Town is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

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

Town, the health authorities shall meet with representatives of the Audubon Society, Bird Club, Garden Club or Human Society, or as many of the clubs as are to be found in the Town, after having given clubs at least three (3) days actual notice of the time and place of the meeting to the representative of the clubs.

If, as a result of the meeting no satisfactory alternative is found to abate this nuisance, then the birds may be destroyed in such numbers and in such manner as is deemed available by the health authorities under supervision of the chief of police.

Anyone violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or imprisoned not to exceed 30 days.

DOGS OR CATS

RABIES INOCULATION REQUIRED - No person shall keep a dog or cat that is three (3) months old or older unless this person has had the dog or cat inoculated for rabies.

SAME; TAGS - All dogs or cats inoculated as provided in the above paragraph shall have attached to or affixed about their necks a collar, with a tag attached thereto, stating the date of this inoculation.

RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED - No owner or keeper of any dog or cat shall allow it to run at large upon the street of the Town.

SAME; IMPOUNDING AND REDEMPTION - Any dog or cat running at large shall be caught by the police department and placed in a compound for three (3) days.

The owners of these dogs or cats may appear within the three (3) days' time and redeem the dogs or cats by paying the required amount per day for board.

If the dog or cat is not called for within a period of three (3) days, the police department may destroy the dog or cat in a sound, painless manner.

No dog or cat shall be released unless proof of inoculation for rabies is furnished by the owner.

The owner of any impounded dog or cat is hereby required to pay the sum of one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per day while his dog or cat is impounded and the additional sum as charged by the person in charge of the pound for the dog's or cat's maintenance. These sums are to be paid to the Town clerk.

NUISANCES - No person shall allow a dog or cat over which he has custody or control to remain on his property or premises if it shall constitute a nuisance as the term is defined by the law of this state.

For purposes of this section it shall constitute a nuisance per se for a dog or cat to bark, howl, whine or emit any noises whatsoever in a continuous manner for a period of one (1) hour or longer so as to disturb any occupant of any adjoining or adjacent property within hearing distance of such property. State Law Reference: Nuisances defined, Ga. Code Ann., Section 72-101, 72-102.

LIVESTOCK

RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED - No person shall permit any horses, cattle, sheep, goats or other livestock to run at large on the streets of the Town, or to be staked so that they can go upon the streets of the Town, or shall drive or lead these animals or livestock along or on the sidewalks in the Town, or shall drive or lead these animals or livestock along and over the streets of the Town, unless fastened to a rope, chain or other substantial leading device which rope, chain or other substantial leading device is securely held by a responsible person during all the time that these animals or livestock are being led or driven along and over the streets of the Town.

SAME; IMPOUNDING BY TOWN - Any livestock running at large or so staked to go upon the streets, or so driven upon the streets as prohibited in the above paragraph shall be impounded by the Town.

SAME; REDEMPTION OR SALE OF IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK, DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS OF SALE - If any animal impounded as provided in the above paragraph shall not be claimed and redeemed by the owner, or keeper thereof, within three (3) days after impounding, the chief of police shall advertise it for sale by posting three (3) written or printed notices of this sale, one (1) at the gate or door of the pound and two (2) at any other conspicuous place within the Town, for not less than five (5) consecutive days previous to this sale.

On the day named for this sale, unless the animal shall be redeemed, the chief of police shall sell the animal at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash.

The chief of police shall pay over the proceeds to the Town clerk, who shall pay out of these proceeds all expenses, and hold any balance subject to the order of the Mayor and Council.

This Ordinance on Animal, Fowl and Livestock Control is so adopted at a Regular Town

Council Meeting held on Thursday, January 11, 1996.

Alan Brock, Sr.
Mayor

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Council Member

A. J. Mack Jr.
Council Member

Jeanette H. Clay
Council Member

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Council Member

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