

CHAPTER 8

ANIMALS AND FOWL

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 8-1. RUNNING AT LARGE.

No person shall permit any domestic fowl, goat, sheep, swine, horse or cattle belonging to him or in his charge to go at large, loose or unrestricted in any public street within the limits of the city or on any land therein thrown open as a way for public travel and used by the public for travel although such way be not legally a public street, or go at large elsewhere in the city.

CHARTER REFERENCE: T. 3, Sec. 17 (22) 1955 Charter.

STATE LAW REFERENCE: V.S.A., T. 20, Sec. 3341 et seq.

Sec. 8-2. SADDLED HORSES AND DRAFT ANIMALS.

No saddled horse or draft animal shall be permitted by the owner or person in charge thereof to go into any public street unaccompanied by a driver or leader or unless secured by hitch or weight.

CHARTER REFERENCE: T. 3, Sec. 17(22), 1955 Charter.

Sec. 8-3. KEEPING SWINE.

No person shall keep swine within the city limits in such place or in such manner as to be offensive to residents in the vicinity thereof or in violation of an order of the health officer.

CHARTER REFERENCE: T. 3, Sec. 17(6); T. 3, Sec. 17(11), 1955 Charter.

Sec. 8-4. HORSE STABLE; MANURE.

No owner or occupant of a stable within the city limits shall keep such stable in such place or in such manner as to be offensive to residents in the vicinity thereof and at no such time shall permit more than one-half cord of manure to accumulate or remain uncovered outside said stable.

CHARTER REFERENCE: T. 3, Sec. 17(6); T. 3, Sec. 17(11), 1955 Charter.

Sec. 8-5. POULTRY -- UNLAWFUL TO KEEP EXCEPT IN ENCLOSURE.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep poultry in the city limits, unless the poultry is confined in a properly fenced enclosure in such a manner that the poultry cannot escape therefrom.

Sec. 8-6. SAME -- DRESSING FOR COMMERCIAL USE, PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to slaughter or dress for commercial use any fowl within the city limits.

Sec. 8-7. SAME -- CONSTITUTES NUISANCE.

Any violation of Sections 8-3, 8-4, 8-5 and 8-6 shall constitute a public nuisance and be subject to abatement.

CROSS REFERENCE: Determination of public nuisance, Sec. 1-9(b) this Code.

Sec. 8-8. FIGHTING COCKS, DOGS OR OTHER ANIMALS.

If any person engage in the fighting of cocks, dogs or other animals, for money, prize or anything of value, or upon the result of which any money or other thing of value is bet or wagered, or to which admission fee is charged, directly or indirectly, or for any championship, he shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each offense.

CHARTER REFERENCE: T. 3, Sec. 17(2), Gaming and Gambling, 1955 Charter.

STATE LAW REFERENCE: V.S.A., T. 20, Sec. 2132.

Sec. 8-9. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Any person who overrides, overdrives, overloads, tortures, ill-treats, or cruelly or unnecessarily beats, maims, mutilates, or kills any animal, whether belonging to himself or another, or deprives any animal of necessary sustenance, food, or drink, or causes any of the above things, or being the owner of such animal permits such acts to be done by another, or who wilfully sets on foot, instigates, engages in, or in any way furthers any act of cruelty to any animal; or who shall carry or cause to be carried in or upon any vehicle or vessel or otherwise any animal in a cruel, brutal, or inhuman manner, so as to produce torture or unnecessary suffering, shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than \$200.00, or both; but nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the dehorning of cattle.

CHARTER REFERENCE: T. 3, Sec. 17(27), 1955 Charter.

STATE LAW REFERENCE: V.S.A., Title 20, Sec. 403.

Sec. 8-10. BURYING DEAD ANIMALS.

No person shall bury or cause to be buried the body of any horse, ass, mule, ox, cow, bull, hog or other large animal, within the limits of the city, unless in such manner that every part and portion of such body shall be at least three (3) feet below the natural surface of the ground where the same is buried.

CHARTER REFERENCE: T. 3, Sec. 17(6), 1955 Charter.

STATE LAW REFERENCE: V.S.S., T. 18, Sec. 1503.

Sec's. 8-11 to 8-199. Reserved

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