

Chapter 3

ANIMALS*

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* **Editors Note:** Clinton County animal control is authorized to pick up and impound animals running at large.

State Law References: Authority to adopt animal control ordinance, MCL 287.290, MSA 12.541; crimes relating to animals and birds, MCL 750.49 et seq., MSA 28.244 et seq.

Sec. 3-1. Cruelty to animals.

No person shall cruelly treat or abuse any animal or bird.
(Ord. No. 120, § 1, 6-25-84)

State Law References: Cruelty towards animals, MCL 752.21 et seq., MSA 28.161 et seq.

Sec. 3-2. Poisoning.

No person shall throw or deposit any poisonous substance on any exposed public or private place where it endangers, or is likely to endanger, any animal or bird.

(Ord. No. 120, § 2, 6-25-84)

Sec. 3-3. Keeping of livestock.

(a) The keeping of livestock within the village is prohibited. No cattle or swine shall be kept in any dwelling or part thereof or on the same lot or premises with a dwelling, or within five hundred (500) feet of a dwelling within any part of the village. Horses shall not be kept closer than two hundred (200) feet to any dwelling.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any public zoo maintained under municipal supervision, to any livestock auction barn lawfully established prior to July 24, 1984, or to livestock kept in connection with the operation of a farm in an area designated by the zoning ordinance of the village, or amendments thereto, as an agricultural area.

(c) Violations of this section are declared to be public nuisances and to constitute a threat to the public health.

(Ord. No. 120, § 3, 6-25-84)

Sec. 3-4. Dogs running at large.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or any other person having the possession, care, custody or control thereof, to permit any dog to run at large upon the public streets, walks, parks or other public places within the village, unless the dog is attached to a leash of sufficient strength to restrain the dog in such manner as to be kept under the control of the person accompanying it.

(Ord. No. 120, § 4, 6-25-84)

State Law References: Power to prevent running at large, MCL 67.1, MSA 5.1285(1).

Sec. 3-5. Number of dogs and cats; kennel license; dog license.

No person shall keep more than three (3) dogs, three (3) cats, or any combination of three (3) dogs and/or cats in their premises within the village without first obtaining a kennel license for operation of a kennel, it being deemed that the keeping of more than three (3) dogs and/or cats shall be deemed a kennel operation and subject to being licensed as a kennel operation. It is further provided that no dog shall require a license until it has attained the age of six (6) months.

(Ord. No. 120, § 5, 6-25-84)

Sec. 3-6. Keeping of fowl.

No person shall keep or own any domestic fowl, geese, ducks or poultry within the limits of the village unless the fowl are so kept or confined that they or any of them cannot be, and are not at any time, upon or running upon the land and property of another person.

(Ord. No. 120, § 6, 6-25-84)

Sec. 3-7. Penalty.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(Ord. No. 120, § 7, 6-25-84)

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