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6.16.010 Animals -- Prohibited -- Exceptions.

Animals shall not be permitted to run at large in the municipality at any time; and it is unlawful for anyone to herd or drive any animal(s) through the streets without having the animal under control by means of a rope, strap or other similar device by which it shall be controlled, unless the animal(s) is/are being driven in harness or hauled; provided, that this chapter shall not be construed as prohibiting stockmen from driving herds through the municipality when necessary to transfer them from one pasture to another, or for the purpose of shipping or for other approved purposes such as parades, fairs, festivals, etc., but the stockmen shall be liable to property owners for all damages done to their property by the stock while being driven through the municipality, whether or not the damage is caused by the negligence of the stockmen, or their agents. Stock shall be driven through the municipality in as short a time as possible.

6.16.020 Animals -- Confinement or Impoundment Required When.

No animal, whether licensed or not, shall be allowed to run at large or upon the premises of anyone other than the owner. If any animal is found running at large, it shall be taken up and impounded and shall not be released except upon approval of the pound master or other designated official after payment of all fees. If any dangerous, fierce or vicious animal found at large cannot be safely taken up and impounded, that animal may be slain by any officer of the law.

6.16.030 Animals -- Owner Guilty of a Misdemeanor When.

It is unlawful for any animal to run at large, and any person who willfully or negligently permits any animal owned, possessed or harbored by him to run at large or who willfully or negligently fails or refuses to keep said animal confined within the limits of his own property or premises when not under the immediate physical care and control of a competent and reliable attendant, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.