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3-101. Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any cows, swine, sheep, horses, mules or goats, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys or other domestic fowl, cattle or livestock, to knowingly or negligently permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits.

3-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted. No person shall keep any animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section within one thousand (1,000) feet of any residence, place of business or public street without a permit from the health officer. The health officer shall issue a permit only when in his sound judgment the keeping of such an animal in a yard or building under the circumstances as set forth in the application for the permit will not injuriously affect the health or welfare of the public. Any person affected by the decision in any such case may appeal the same of the municipal governing body.

3-103. Pen or enclosure to be kept clean. When animals or fowls are kept within the corporate limits, the building, structure, corral, pen or enclosure in which they are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

3-104. Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided. No animal or fowl of any kind shall be kept or confined in any place where the food, water, shelter, and ventilation are not adequate and sufficient for the preservation of its health, safe condition and wholesomeness for food, if so intended.

3-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited. No animal or fowl shall be kept in such a place or condition as to become a nuisance either because of noise, odor, contagious disease, or other reason. (Ord. # 185, Sec. 3, 7/24/45).

3-106. Cruel treatment prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to unnecessarily beat or otherwise abuse or injure any dumb animal or fowl.

3-107. Seizure and disposition of animals running at large. Any animal or fowl found running at large in violation of this chapter may be seized by the health officer or by any police officer and confined in a pound provided or designated by the municipal governing body. If the owner is known he shall be given notice in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last known mailing address. If the owner is not known, a notice describing the impounded animal or fowl will be posted in at least three (3) public places within the corporate limits. The notice shall advise the owner to appear within five (5) days and redeem his impounded animal or fowl by paying the pound costs or the same will be humanely disposed of. If not redeemed by the owner within the specified period, the animal or fowl shall be sold, humanely destroyed, or otherwise disposed of as authorized by the municipal governing body.

3-108. Concealing animals, interfering with duties of Rabies Control Officer.

No person shall hide, conceal, or aid or assist in hiding or concealing any animal owned, kept, or harbored under the provisions of the chapter or any other animal, either wild or domestic, that shall be deemed a nuisance pursuant to the provisions of 3-105 or where such animal has bitten, scratched or broken the skin of a human being and where the doctor treating the patient so bitten is of the opinion that said animal should be quarantined. No person shall interfere with, tamper with, damage, or vandalize any City property used by the Rabies Control Officer in the performance of his duties. No person shall hinder, obstruct, or interfere with the Rabies Control Officer in the performance of his duties. Any persons violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined under the general penalty clause of the Paris Municipal Code. (Ord. #737, 08/17/90).