

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE DEFINING )  
OFFENSES AND NUISANCES RELATING TO )  
ANIMALS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR ABATE- )  
MENT, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES. )  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY )

ORDINANCE BILL NO. 61  
for 1967

ORDINANCE NO. 1291

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LEBANON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions. Unless the context requires otherwise, the following mean:

(1) At large. Off the premises of the owner while not under the complete control of the owner, or upon the property of a person other than the owner without that person's permission.

(2) Owner. A person owning or having the care, custody, or possession of an animal.

(3) Person. A natural person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation.

Section 2. Care and Facilities. No owner shall fail to provide his animal with food, drink, and protection from the elements; nor shall an owner fail to keep in a clean and sanitary condition the facilities where his animal is kept.

Section 3. Poison. No person shall put out or place poison where the same is likely to harm domestic animals.

Section 4. Abandonment and Cruelty. No person shall abandon, overwork, torture, beat, mutilate, or cruelly or needlessly kill an animal; nor shall an owner transport, or permit to be transported, his animal in a cruel and inhumane manner.

Section 5. Shooting at Animals. No person, except as otherwise permitted by ordinance, shall discharge a firearm, pellet gun, or other similar device, or throw a missile at an animal with the intent to injure or kill the same.

Section 6. Fighting. No owner shall permit his animal to fight for exhibition, sport, or wagering purposes; nor shall a person maintain a place where such activities take place.

Section 7. Animals on Streets. No person shall lead, drive, or ride an animal on public property, except upon the portion of a street where vehicular traffic is authorized.

Section 8. Pigstys, Slaughterhouses, Tanneries, and Goats. No person shall maintain a pigsty, slaughterhouse, or tannery, or keep goats.

Section 9. Removal of Carcasses. No person shall permit an animal carcass owned or controlled by him to remain upon public property, or to be exposed on private property, for a period of time longer than is necessary to remove or dispose of such carcass.

Section 10. Animals at Large. Except for household pets, no owner shall permit his animal to be at large. Animals at large may be taken into custody by the city and disposed of in accordance with the procedure provided by ordinance for the disposition of personal property or for the impoundment of dogs.

Section 11. Dangerous Animals. No owner shall permit an animal which is dangerous to the public health or safety to be exposed in public. If such an animal is exposed in public, it may be taken into custody by the city and disposed of in accordance with the procedures provided by ordinance for the disposition of personal property or for the impoundment of dogs, except that before such animal is released by the city the municipal judge must find that proper precautions will be taken to insure the public health and safety.

Section 12. Abatement. An act or condition prohibited by this ordinance is declared to be a public nuisance and may be abated by any of the procedures, including summary abatement procedures, set forth in any other ordinance relating to nuisances.

Section 13. Penalty.

(1) Violation of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor.

(2) Each day's violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

(3) The abatement of a nuisance is not a penalty for violating this ordinance but is an additional remedy. The imposition of a penalty does not relieve a person of the duty to abate a nuisance.

Section 14. Severability. The sections and subsections of this ordinance are severable. The invalidity of one section or subsection shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or subsections.

Section 15. Inasmuch as the provisions of this ordinance are necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, and safety of the people of the City of Lebanon, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 19th day of December, 1967.

  
Mayor

ATTEST

  
Recorder