



ORDINANCE 23-296

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CORNERSVILLE, TENNESSEE REGARDING ANIMALS, FOWL, AND LIVESTOCK IN TOWN LIMITS

WHEREAS, certain prior Ordinances relating to the regulation of livestock within the Town of Cornersville from the 1930s and 1950s are outdated and in certain ways unenforceable, and

WHEREAS, the keeping of animals, fowl, and livestock within the Town of Cornersville must be regulated to prevent same from becoming a nuisance within the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Cornersville, Tennessee desire to have necessary and appropriate regulations regarding animals, fowl, and livestock within the Town of Cornersville.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CORNERSVILLE, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Prior Ordinance repealed. Upon full passage of this Ordinance by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, prior Ordinances related to the subject matter addressed herein, specifically Ordinances #11 (October 1937), #22 (December 1937), and #___ (March 1956), are hereby repealed and shall have no further effect.

SECTION 2: Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any animals including but not limited to 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 of the Town.

Any person, including its owner, knowingly or negligently permitting an animal to run at large may be prosecuted under this section even if the animal is picked up and disposed of under other provisions of this chapter, whether or not the disposition includes returning the animal to its owner.

SECTION 3: Pen or enclosure to be kept clean. When animals or fowl are kept within the corporate limits of the Town of Cornersville, the building, structure, corral, pen, or enclosure in which they are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

SECTION 4: Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc, to be provided. No animal or fowl shall be kept or confined in any place where 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.

SECTION 5: Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited. No animal or fowl shall be kept in such a place or condition or allow such to occur that becomes a nuisance because of either noise, odor, contagious disease, damage to the property of others, endangerment to public safety, or for any reason constituting a nuisance.

SECTION 6: Initiation of Investigation. Investigation of potential violations of this Ordinance shall only be initiated by the Town Administrator, or his authorized representative, upon direct observations of a Town employee in the normal course of their duties or upon the Town receiving a written, signed complaint alleging violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7: Inspections of premises. For the purpose of making inspections to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, the Town Administrator, or his authorized representative, shall be authorized to enter, at any reasonable time, any premises where he has reasonable cause to believe an animal or fowl is being kept in violation of this Ordinance.

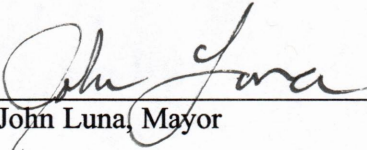
SECTION 8: Violations and penalties. Violations of this ordinance shall subject the offender to penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

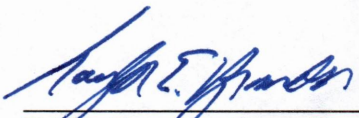
SECTION 9: If any section, phrase, sentence or portion of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision; and such holding shall not affect the validity of remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 10: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its final passage, the public welfare demanding it.

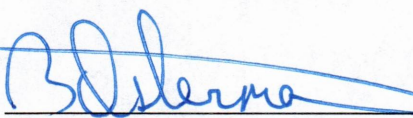
PASSED FIRST READING: 7th day of September, 2023

PASSED SECOND READING AND ADOPTED: 5th day of October, 2023


John Luna, Mayor


Taylor Brandon, Town Recorder

Approved as to legality and form:


Billy Ostermann, Town Attorney