

TITLE IX

ANIMALS

CHAPTER 9.01

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY NOT TO RUN AT LARGE

9.0101 Unlawful to allow Animals to Run at Large

It shall be unlawful for any person being the owner or having in his charge, any horses, cattle, or other domestic animals or chickens or other domestic fowl to permit the same or any one or more of such animals or fowl to run at large within the corporate limits of the City of Springfield.

9.0102 Impoundment of Animals

It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police or any person under his direction, to take up any such domestic animals referred to in this chapter found running at large contrary to the provisions of the foregoing section and to confine the same in such public pound as shall be provided for that purpose.

9.0103 Notice of Impoundment

Whenever the Chief of Police or any other person under his direction shall take up any animal or animals under the provisions of this chapter, he shall immediately cause personal notice thereof to be given to the owner or person in charge of such animals, if known, and if the owner or person in charge thereof is unknown, then by posting such notice on the front door of the building in which the council usually meets, such notice to contain a description of such animals so impounded with any marks or brands that may be on the same and to state the time of the distraint of such animals.

9.0104 Disposition of Animals

If the animals so distrainted are not claimed by the owner or person in charge thereof within five (4) days after the posting or personal service of the notice provided for in the preceding section, the Chief of Police or person designated by him shall proceed to sell the said animals at public auction to the highest bidder for cash after giving notice of such sale by publication thereof in one issue of a newspaper published in the City of Springfield at least two (2) days prior to said sale, which notice shall describe the property to be sold, the purpose of sale and the day and hour appointed therefore. The proceeds of such sales, after deducting all charges, fees and expenses of advertising and selling, shall be paid to the Municipal Finance Officer by the person conducting the said sale, taking his receipt therefore to the Chief of Police and if at any time within one year from the date of such sale the owner of the animal or animals so sold shall appear before the City Council and make satisfactory proof by affidavit or otherwise, that he was the

owner of the animal or animals so sold, the city shall cause to be paid to him, the amount deposited with the Municipal Finance Officer as hereinbefore provided as the proceeds of the sale of such animal or animals, the same to be paid on a warrant properly identifying the fund for which the same is to be paid. The Municipal Finance Officer shall keep a separate and special account of all such funds so received.

9.0105 Right of Owner to Repossession

The owner or person in charge of any animal or animals impounded as hereinbefore provided, shall be entitled to the possession thereof, upon satisfactory proof of ownership, or right to possession, and upon paying to the Chief of Police or other person in charge of such animal or animals, the fees, costs and expenses incident to the taking-up, impounding or caring for such animal or animals as hereinafter provided.

9.0106 Fees and Charges for Impoundment

The fees and charges of the Chief of Police or other person designated by him for taking up and caring for animals under the provisions of this chapter shall be as follows: for each cow, heifer, steer, bull, stag, calf, horse or mule, hog, sheep, or goat, \$25.00; and in addition to the foregoing fees for impounding, the actual charges for keeping and the expense of giving notice and selling the same, in the case of a sale thereof, before claimed by the owner.

9.0107 Penalty for Permitting Chickens or Other Domestic Fowl to Run at Large

Any person permitting chickens or other domestic fowl to run at large shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$50.00 for each offense; and each and every day that such chickens or domestic fowl shall be permitted to run at large, shall constitute a separate offense.

9.0108 Penalty for Permitting Domestic Animals to Run at Large

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter relating to domestic animals shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, in addition to the fees and charges provided in this chapter for impounding the animals shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$50.00 and in the event of conviction, the Court may provide that such fine and costs of prosecution may, in the event of the sale of such impounded animals, be paid after the fees and charges for impounding, from the proceeds of the sale of such animals.