

**CHAPTER 4**

**ANIMALS AND FOWL**

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**Sub-Chapter A**

**Dogs and Small Animals**

**SECTION 4:1. DOG AND OTHER SMALL ANIMALS, ANNUAL VACCINATIONS REQUIRED; CERTIFICATES AND TAGS; AUTHORITY OF PARISH VETERINARIAN TO ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY TO VACCINATE ANIMALS**

All dogs and other small animals must be vaccinated annually against hydrophobia or rabies by a licensed veterinarian who shall issue a certificate to the owner or keeper of the said dog or other small animal evidencing such vaccination and furnish a metal tag evidencing such vaccination for dogs which shall be kept attached to a collar on said dog. The parish veterinarian shall have full authority to enter any premises where dogs or other small animals are kept for the purposes of vaccinating said animals for hydrophobia or rabies in the event that the owner or keeper shall not have caused any such animal owned by him or in his keeping to be vaccinated. (Ord. No. 1069, 1/14/70)

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**Comment** -- Ord. No. 1069 superseded Ord. Nos. 856 and 603.

**SECTION 4:2. DOGS ROAMING AT LARGE PROHIBITED**

It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper of dogs to permit their dog to roam the streets and roads of Lafourche Parish. The word "roam" covers all incidents where dogs are permitted or allowed on the public streets or roads of the parish off of a leash unattended by a responsible person. (Ord. No.1069, 1/14/70)

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**Cross References** -- Health and sanitation, Ch. 10; licenses and miscellaneous business regulations, Ch. 13; motor vehicles and traffic, Ch. 17; offenses and miscellaneous law enforcement provisions, Ch. 15; recreation and parks, Ch. 18; taxation, Ch. 23.

**State Law References** -- Louisiana Abandoned Animals Act, R.S. 3:2451 et seq.; powers of parish governing authorities as to minimum standards for animal shelters, R.S. 3:2461; regulation of dogs by local authorities, R.S. 3:2731 et seq.; fencing of public highways, state aid, R.S. 3:2808 et seq.; local regulation of livestock on public highways, R.S. 3:3001 et seq.; power of parish governing authorities to regulate fences and hedges, R.S. 33:1236(4), 33:4875; power of parish governing authorities to regulate certain livestock, animals at large and the killing of animals, R.S. 33:1236(5); rabies control, R.S. 40:4(A)(2), 40:1275 et seq.

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**SECTION 4:3. DOGS; LICENSE REQUIREMENTS; LICENSE FEE**

All owners of dogs must obtain a parish license annually from the health unit of the Parish of Lafourche for each animal. The charge for said license shall be \$1.00 per animal. (Ord. No. 1069, 1/14/70)

**SECTION 4:4. IMPOUNDMENT OF DOGS**

If any dog bites a human, said animal shall be impounded for a period of not less than ten (10) days during which period charges will run as set out hereinafter. The owner may, however, agree to voluntarily impound his own animal but must have written consent of the injured party to do so. (Ord. No. 1069,1/14/70)

**SECTION 4:5. IMPOUNDMENT FEES**

Owners of dogs impounded under this Sub-Chapter shall be responsible for all costs. (Ord. No. 2619, 6/9/98)

**SECTION 4:6. DISPOSITION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS**

Any dog seized and impounded under the Sub-Chapter shall be held for a period of at least five (5) days during which time the owner may claim said dog by paying the impounding fee set out above. If such animal is not claimed after the five (5) days period by the owner or by some other person wishing to redeem the animal, it shall be disposed of in a humane manner. Provided further that if the dog is wearing a collar bearing a tag showing the name and address of the owner, it shall be impounded and the pound authorities shall immediately thereafter telephone, or if necessary, write notifying the owner of the dog at the address disclosed by the tag on the dog's collar, that the dog has been seized and impounded by him and unless the owner or the keeper of the dog shall within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice claim his dog then said animal may be disposed of in a humane manner.

**SECTION 4:7. REPEALED**

Section 4:7 originally provided criminal penalties for violations of the Parish's dog control regulations. The provisions were repealed by Ordinance No.1334 (November 12, 1980) as part of a general revision of this Code. Many of the criminal penalties have been consolidated in Chapter 15.

See specifically Sections 15:5 and 15:6.

**SECTIONS 4:8 - 4:19. RESERVED**

**SECTION 4:20. ANIMAL SHELTER GOVERNANCE**

This section provides for the governance of the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter in the executive branch under the Parish President's Office of Public Health and Safety.

**SECTION 4:21. DEFINITIONS**

- A. “Governing Authority” - shall mean the Lafourche Parish Council;
- B. “Administration” – shall mean the Lafourche Parish President, Parish Administrator and their representatives;
- C. “Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter Advisory Board” – shall mean the nine (9) appointed members of the advisory team;
- D. “Director” – shall mean the individual designated by the Administration to administrator programs of the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter. Initially this shall be the Manager of Health Activities.

**SECTION 4:22. ADVISORY BOARD CREATION**

The Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter Advisory Board shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Lafourche Parish Council. **Each Council member shall appoint one (1) member who will represent the respective Councilmatic District.** Board Members shall serve three year staggered terms. Terms shall follow the calendar year and therefore initial appointees to seats A, B, & C shall expire December 31, 2006 and their replacements shall serve three year terms henceforth. The term for Seats D, E, & F shall expire December 31, 2007 and their replacement shall serve three year terms henceforth. The terms for Seats G, H, & I shall expire December 31, 2008 and their replacements shall serve three year terms henceforth. Board members are not term limited as long as the council votes to reappoint and the council reserve the right to replace a board member for just cause. Should a Board Member resign or be removed for just cause a replacement shall succeed for the remainder of the designated term. (Ord. No. 3804, 5/9/06)

**SECTIONS 4:23. POWERS**

A. The Governing Authority shall have the following power in the governance of the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter:

- 1. The Governing Authority shall have the power to appoint members of the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter Advisory Board; and
- 2. The Governing Authority shall approve the annual budget in accordance with the Home Rule Charter.

B. The Administration shall have the following power in the governance of the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter:

- 1. Provide supervision and guidance to the Director in running the shelter programs consistent with Administration Policies and Animal Shelter Standard Operating Procedures; and
- 2. Utilize its human resources department to advertise and coordinate interviews in the search of a director; and
- 3. Work with the Director to discipline and dismiss any and all employees for cause in accordance with Civil Service Guidelines; and

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4. Monitor the finances of the program including any and all public and private revenue sources in compliance with and under the guide of the parish's fiscal policies. These shall include purchasing, accounting and audit functions and the parish's finance director.

5. With approval of the Parish Council, sign on behalf of the Lafourche Parish Government on grant contracts and grant documentation for continuing and newly approved programs, amendments and reports overseeing and providing necessary assurances of compliance with conditions related to program grants and contracts.

C. The Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter Advisory Board shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To evaluate and advise the Director, Governing Authority and the Administration on the quality of operations at the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter; and

2. To review and amend with the concurrence of the Director the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter's Standard Operating Procedures; and

3. To participate in the selection of future Directors, having representation at the interview process and by making recommendation to the Administration all under the direction of the Human Resources Department and in accordance with Civil Service guidelines, (the initial director shall be the Manager of Health Activities for Lafourche Parish); and

4. To work with and advise the Director, Governing Authority and the Administration on developing, planning, implementing and evaluating programs of the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter; and

5. To participate in the development of the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter operating budgets and to oversee any and all private donations;

6. To exercise all powers which the Lafourche Parish Council may from time to time delegate to it.

D. The Director shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To manage the operations of the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter, including:

- a. Planning project operations in coordination with the Sheriff and the parish's three municipalities; and
- b. Mobilizing resources to carry out the programs; and
- c. Scheduling activities; and
- d. Monitoring all projects and programs; and
- e. Evaluating program effectiveness and outcomes

2. To supervise his/her staff in accordance with the Administrative policy and Civil Service Guidelines; and

3. To Administer programs in accordance with provisions of applicable grants, contracts, parish fiscal and administrative policy, programmatic rules and procedure, and applicable federal and state law;

4. To coordinate Board and/or Sub-committee Meetings;

5. To provide a report to the Parish Council at least quarterly including a written report submitted to the Council Clerk for submission with the meeting agenda;

6. To provide an annual presentation to the council of the program year;

7. To be available at appropriate council meetings to answer any questions regarding quarterly and annual reports.

**SECTION 4:24. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

Standard Operating Procedures included as Attachment C to Ordinance No. 4014 of 3/27/07 were established but were not to be codified in the Code of Ordinances.

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**Comment** –The attachment that was adopted is available through the Parish Clerk’s Office.

**SECTION 4:25. FEES**

A fee schedule included as Attachment B is hereby established but shall not be codified in the Code of Ordinance. The Advisory Board is required to review and recommend any increase or reduction in fee as appropriate for the operation of said animal shelter. The Director shall present the Advisory Board’s fee recommendations along with any budgetary concerns at their annual presentation to the council in October. The Council has the ultimate authority to increase or reduce fees by ordinance. If necessary, the Advisory Board may at any time recommend for council approval additional fee increases or reductions.

(Ord. No. 3757-1, 03/14/06)

**SECTIONS 4:26- 4:49. RESERVED**

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## Sub-Chapter B

### Livestock

#### *Part I-Livestock at Large*

#### **SECTION 4:50. RUNNING OF LIVESTOCK AT LARGE PROHIBITED; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

All horses, mules, cows, hogs, sheep and goats and all other livestock and cattle are prohibited from roving and running at large in the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana. The word "animal" or "animals" hereinafter refers to those enumerated and intended to be included in this section. (Ord. No. 857, 6/11/52; as amended by Ord. No. 858, 7/9/52; Ord. No. 895, 3/14/56; Ord. No. 964, 11/8/61; Ord. No. 1012, 5/12/65, and Ord. No. 1334, 11/12/80)

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**Comment** -- Amending Ordinance No. 1334 repealed the criminal penalty for violations of the Section. This was done as part of a general revision of thatched, at which time the criminal penalties were consolidated in Chapter 15. For relevant Section here, see Section 15:5.

The source ordinance and amendments, as cited, prohibited livestock at large only in certain wards. At the request of the Police Jury, the Section was revised and updated to make the prohibition parishwide.

Also, in accordance with the Jury's request, the following four sections, also derived from the cited ordinances, have been replaced by provisions of the Revised Statutes as cited in the source note following each.

For authority of police juries to regulate livestock see LRS 33:1246 (5). Also see LRS 3:3001, et seq. and 3:2851.

#### **SECTION 4:51. IMPOUNDMENT OF LIVESTOCK ROAMING AT LARGE; NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT**

All sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, justices of the peace and state police shall, and any other person may, take possession of and impound any livestock found at large upon any public highway of this state in any ward where livestock is presently prohibited from roaming at large or may hereafter be prohibited from roaming at large as hereinafter provided for. Any livestock so taken and impounded shall be impounded in the parish in which taken and when taken by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, justice of the peace or state police the owner thereof shall be notified personally or by leaving written notice at the place of his residence within twenty-four (24) hours after taking possession of such livestock. Any person, other than a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, justice of the peace or state police, taking possession of and impounding livestock shall immediately notify the sheriff of the parish in which the livestock is taken and said sheriff shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of such notification notify the owner in the manner hereinabove provided. (LRS 3:3004, Paragraph A, replacing Ord. No. 857, Section 2)

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**Comment**--See second paragraph of note following Section 4:50.

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**SECTION 4:52. IMPOUNDMENT CHARGES**

The owner of livestock so taken shall have the right to secure his livestock upon the payment to the officer or person taking up the livestock a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for each head of livestock taken. He shall also pay to the person taking and impounding such livestock the cost of feeding and caring for such livestock at the rate of fifty cents (50¢) per day for each animal of the species of horses, mule ass or cattle and twenty-five cents (25¢) per day for each animal of the species of swine, sheep or goat. (L.S. 3:3004, Paragraph B, replacing Ord. No. 857, Section 3)

**SECTION 4:53. ADVERTISEMENT OF IMPOUNDING WHEN OWNER IS UNKNOWN**

A. If the owner of any livestock found at large on any public highway of any ward where the roaming at large of stock is prohibited, is unknown or if the owner has no residence in the parish where the livestock is taken, a statement shall be filed with the sheriff of the parish in which the livestock is taken setting forth:

1. The name and address of the person taking up the livestock;
2. A description of the livestock as to kind, sex, marks, brand, color, and apparent age;
3. The place of taking up and the place where the livestock is impounded;
4. The amount of the charges due for feeding and caring for the livestock;
5. The amount of the fee for taking the livestock.

B. The sheriff shall then give notice by advertising in a newspaper of general circulation within the parish setting forth the fact of the taking of possession, a description of the livestock, that the owner is unknown or if known that he cannot be located. This advertisement shall notify any person claiming to be the owner of such livestock to appear before the sheriff at a place named and a time not less than three (3) days nor more than six (6) days from the date of notice to prove such claim or ownership. If the owner appears and proves to the satisfaction of the sheriff that he is the owner of the stock impounded, the sheriff shall require the owner to pay the fee of the person taking the stock, the cost of feeding and caring for the stock at the rates hereinabove specified in R.S. 3:3004 (Section 4:52) and the cost of advertisement.

(L.S. 3:3005, replacing Ord. No. 857, Sections 4 & 5)

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**Comment**--See second paragraph of note following Section 4:50.

**SECTION 4:54. SALE OF UNCLAIMED STOCK**

A. If after the notice provided for in R.S. 3:3004 and R.S. 3:3005 the owner does not appear at the time specified, the sheriff shall proceed to sell such impounded livestock in the following manner:

1. The sheriff shall advertise in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish where the sale is to take place the fact of such sale, the date and place of the sale. The place of the sale shall be at the courthouse or at some other public place in the vicinity of the courthouse and the sale shall be made not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days after

publication of one (1) notice of said sale. Said sale shall be by auction to the last and highest bidder for cash. From the price of said sale, the sheriff shall deduct the fee of the person impounding the livestock, the cost of feeding and caring for the live-stock at the rates hereinabove specified in R.S. 3:3004 and all expenses incurred in the sale. He shall pay the person taking up the livestock the fee due him and the person feeding and caring for the livestock the fees provided for such services and the remainder shall be paid into the state treasury.

(L.S. 3:3006, replacing Ord. No. 857, Sections 4 & 5)

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**Comment**--See second paragraph of note following Section 4:50.

**SECTION 4:55. REPEALED**

Section 4:55 originally provided criminal penalties for violation of the parish's livestock at-large regulations. The provision was repealed by Ordinance 1334 (No- (November 12, 1980) as part of a general revision of this Code. Many of the criminal penalties have been consolidated in Chapter 15.

Specifically, see Section 15:5.

**SECTION 4:56-4:59. RESERVED**

*Part II--Cattle at Large*

**SECTION 4:60. RUNNING OF CATTLE ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS PROHIBITED**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to permit the roving and roaming at large of their cattle on the public highways of the Parish of Lafourche. (Ord. No. 618, 3/9/32)

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**Comment**--This ordinance superseded Ord. No. 506 of 4/8/25, which latter ordinance limited the prohibition to certain hours of the day only.

**SECTION 4:61. IMPOUNDMENT OF CATTLE FOUND ROAMING AT LARGE; IMPOUNDMENT FEES**

Any cattle found roving and roaming at large on any of the public highways of the parish may be impounded by any taxpayer of this parish, or by any duly elected and qualified officer of the parish, provided, however, that the persons impounding any cattle shall immediately notify the justice of the peace of the ward in which the cattle is found roving or roaming at large, of his having impounded the cattle and that he shall feed and care for the cattle until called for by the owner, or until sold after the manner hereinbelow provided. For the feeding and caring of the cattle, he shall be allowed the sum of fifty cents (50¢) per day for each head. (Ord. No. 618, 3/9/32)

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**Comment**--See Section 4:63 for additional fees.

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**SECTION 4:62. NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT; DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED CATTLE**

The justice of the peace notified of the impounding of any cattle shall immediately cause to be published in the official journal of the parish, and shall post in each post office in the ward where the cattle is so impounded, a notice that if not claimed within fifteen (15) days that the cattle shall be sold by him at public sale to the highest bidder at a place and time to be named by him in the notice to pay all expenses, and the balance, if any, to be turned over to the parish. (Ord. No. 618, 3/9/32)

**SECTION 4:63. REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED CATTLE BY OWNER; FEES**

The owner of the cattle impounded shall have the right to redeem their cattle at any time previous to the sale thereof, upon payment of three dollars (\$3.00) and the cost of the publication and posting of the notices, as well as the cost of feeding and caring of the animal, these fees go to the impounding party. (Ord. No. 618, 3/9/32)

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**Comment**--Also see Section 4:61, above, of fees.

**SECTION 4:64- 4:74. RESERVED**

*Part III--Keeping of Livestock*

**SECTION 4:74. REPEALED**

Section 4:75 originally set forth certain regulations governing the keeping of livestock along the banks of Bayou Lafourche derived from Ord. No. 819 (March 12, 1947). The provision was repealed by Ord. No. 1334 (November 12,1980) as part of a general revision of this Code.

**SECTION 4:76-4:99. RESERVED**

**Sub-Chapter C**

**Miscellaneous Provisions**

**SECTION 4:100. REPEALED**

Section 4:100 originally set forth provisions governing the disposal of dead animals in the parish, derived from Ord. No. 174, adopted January 7, 1890. The section was repealed by Ord. No. 1334 (November 12, 1980) as part of a general revision of this Code.

**SECTION 4:101. REPEALED**

Section 4:101 originally set forth regulations prohibiting the disposal of dead animals in streams or bayous in the parish derived from Ord. No. 164, adopted June 6, 1886. The section was repealed by Ord. No. 1334 (November 12, 1980) as part of a general revision of this Code.

**SECTIONS 4:102 - 4:109. RESERVED**

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## Sub-Chapter D

### Vicious and Dangerous Animals

#### SECTION 4:110. VICIOUS AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS, DEFINITIONS

A. For the purpose of this Sub-Chapter, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the following meanings unless the context shall indicate another or different meaning or intent:

1. **“Dangerous Animal”** means any dog or other animal:

a. Which when unprovoked (1) bites, inflicts injury, assaults or otherwise attacks a human being or domestic animal on public or private property, or (2) chases or approaches a person upon the streets, sidewalks or on any public grounds in a menacing or terrorizing manner or apparent attitude of attack; or

b. Which has a known propensity or disposition to attack unprovoked to cause injury or otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals; or

c. Which has undergone quarantine for rabies observation two (2) or more times within a two (2) year period.

2. **“Fierce Animal”** means any dog or other animal:

a. Which is not securely confined or tethered and jeopardizes any postal carrier, meter reader, utility or building inspector or other lawful invitee on the property of the owner; or

b. Which chases vehicles on public property in a menacing or terrorizing manner;

3. **“Vicious Animal”** means any dog or other animal:

a. Which according to the records of an appropriate law enforcement authority (1) has without provocation inflicted severe injury on a human being on public or private property, or (2) has killed a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner’s property, or (3) has previously been found to be a “dangerous animal,” the owner having received notice of such, and the animal again bites, attacks or endangers the safety of human beings or domestic animals; or

b. Which is owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or any dog trained for dog fighting;

4. **“Enclosure”** means a securely locked fenced pen or structure of at least six feet (6’) in height, or which is suitable to prevent the entry of young children and designed to prevent the animal from escaping. Such pen or structure shall have secure sides, top and bottom and shall also provide the animal protection from the elements.

5. **“Severe Injury”** means any physical injury that results in broken bones or lacerations requiring multiple structures or cosmetic surgery, or death of a human being.

(Ord. No. 1822, 5/11/88)

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**SECTION 4:111. OWNERSHIP OF DANGEROUS OR VICIOUS ANIMALS**

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, keep or harbor a fierce, dangerous or vicious animal except in accordance with the provisions of this Sub-Chapter.

B. All vicious animals not otherwise prohibited by this Sub-Chapter shall be securely confined within a building or locked enclosure. Confinement shall be in such a manner that the animal cannot come in contact with any person other than the owner.

C. Unless a more restrictive confinement is mandated or ordered, dangerous animals shall be tethered by a substantial chain within a fenced yard or confined within a building. Confinement shall be in such a manner that the animal cannot come in contact with any person except under supervised conditions and the animal is under physical restraint of the owner or other responsible person.

D. Unless more restrictive confinement is mandated or ordered, fierce animals shall be tethered by a substantial chain within a fenced yard. Confinement shall be in such a manner that the animal cannot come in contact with any person or other animal except under supervised conditions.

(Ord. No. 1822, 5/11/88)

**SECTION 4:112. CONTROL AND RESTRICTION OF VICIOUS ANIMALS**

A. It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow any vicious animal to be outside of the dwelling of the owner or outside of the enclosure unless it is necessary for the owner to obtain veterinary care, or in order to dispose of the animal. In such event, the animal shall be securely muzzled and restrained with a chain having a tensile strength of three hundred (300) pounds and not exceeding three feet (3') in length, and shall be under the direct control, supervision and physical restraint of the owner or other responsible person. The muzzle shall be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration but shall prevent it from biting any person or animal. In the event that an animal is allowed to be outside of the dwelling of the owner or outside of the enclosure unless it is necessary for the owner to obtain veterinary care, or in order to dispose of the animal, once the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office determines that the animal is dangerous, fierce, or vicious, the animal will be picked up by the Animal Control Officer. The animal will be held by the Lafourche Parish Council for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. If the owner does not comply with all provisions of this section within the thirty-day period, the animal will be euthanized.

B. This section shall also be applicable to a dangerous animal when so ordered by the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office.

(Ord. No. 1822, 5/11/88; Ord. No. 2696, 12/8/98)

**SECTION 4:113. REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE**

A. No vicious or dangerous animal shall be licensed in this Parish unless the owner of such animal shall meet the following requirements:

1. The owner shall procure liability insurance in the amount of at least five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), covering any property damage or bodily injury which may be caused by such vicious or dangerous animal during the twelve (12) month period for which licensing is sought. The policy of insurance shall contain a provision requiring a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation or non-renewal be issued to the Lafourche Parish Council or the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Department in order for the Parish to be notified by the insurance company of any cancellation, nonrenewal, termination or expiration of the liability insurance policy.

2. All dangerous and vicious animals shall, at the expense of the owner, be tattooed with the license number assigned to such animal or in such other identification mark as the Lafourche Parish Council or Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office may require; the tattooing shall be done by a licensed veterinarian or other qualified person. For the purpose of this section "tattoo" shall be defined as any acceptable permanent marking of a vicious animal by means of indelible or permanent ink with the number of mark designated.

3. The owner shall display a sign on his or her premises warning that there is vicious or dangerous animal on the premises. Said sign shall be visible and capable of being read from the public street, sidewalk, or right of way abutting the premises.

4. The owner shall sign a statement attesting that:

a. The owner shall maintain and not voluntarily cancel the liability insurance required by this section during the twelve (12) month period for which licensing is sought, unless the owner shall cease to own or keep the said animal prior to the expiration of such license.

b. The owner of a vicious animal shall have an enclosure for the animal on the property where the said vicious animal will be kept or maintained. This subsection shall also be applicable to a dangerous animal when so ordered by the Lafourche Parish Council or Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office.

c. The owner shall notify the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office immediately if a vicious or dangerous animal is on the loose, is unconfined, has attacked another animal or has attacked a human being.

(Ord. No. 1822, 5/11/88)

**SECTION 4:114. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF VICIOUS AND DANGEROUS ANIMAL REGULATIONS**

Any person who violates the provisions of this Sub-Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in the parish jail for a period of three (3) days, or by fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or by both such imprisonment and fine, at the discretion of the court for the first offense; six (6) days imprisonment in the parish jail or by fine of not more than six hundred dollars (\$600.00) or by both such imprisonment and fine for the second offense; and no less than ten (10) days imprisonment in the parish jail or by fine or not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by both such imprisonment and fine for the third offense. (Ord. No. 1822, 5/11/88; Ord. No. 3861, 08/08/06)

**[RESERVED]**