

**AMENDED ORDINANCE #2018- 1**  
**Town Ordinance for Domestic livestock running at large**

The Board of the Town of Springfield, County of St. Croix, Wisconsin Does Amend Ordinance #2018-1 as follows:

**Section 1.** No person owning domestic livestock shall allow such livestock to run at large within the township.

**Section 2.** The owner or keeper of such domestic livestock shall be liable for all damage done by such domestic livestock while at large, even though the livestock escapes without the fault of the owner or keeper. The construction and maintenance of a fence shall not relieve such owner from liability.

**Section 3.** Domestic livestock includes, but is not limited to, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine, deer, elk, buffalo, llamas, alpacas or any other domestic animal normally kept within an enclosure.

**Section 4.** Any domestic livestock running at large may be taken by any law enforcement officer or town chairman and impounded in a temporary or permanent location and confined in a humane manner.

**Section 5.** Any owner reclaiming an impounded animal shall pay any fees associated with the impoundment, including but not limited to, the cost of feed, veterinary bills, trucking/hauling or any other costs incurred.

**Section 6.** The owner of any domestic livestock running at large as the result of weather or third-party actions may be deemed not to be in violation of this section if it is clear that a recent weather event or third-party action was the direct cause of the livestock being out of its enclosure and that the owner had not had a reasonable amount of time to repair or remedy the situation which led to the livestock being out of its enclosure.

**Section 7. *Penalty.*** Any persons violating this section within any 12 month period shall be subject to the following forfeitures:

- 1) *First offense:* A forfeiture of not less than \$10.00, nor more than \$50.00.
- 2) *Second offense:* A forfeiture of not less than \$50.00, nor more than \$100.00 and the owner of the livestock shall be required to add two strands of electric to the entire perimeter of their required four barb wire fence within 30 days of their citation and be required to maintain said electric fence around the entire area the livestock are kept.

3) *Third offense*: A forfeiture of not less than \$100.00, nor more than \$300.00.

4) *Fourth and subsequent offenses*: A forfeiture of not less than \$300.00, nor more than \$500.00 and the owner shall be required to get rid of all livestock involved in the incidents within 30 days of the fourth offense.

5) In addition to the forfeiture, the person violating this section shall be required to pay for any and all damage caused by the livestock, including but not limited to all fence and neighboring property damage, applicable court costs and any other fees and costs associated with enforcement of this section, as set forth herein.

Adopted this 13th day of March, 2023.



Town Chairman, Dean Fayerweather

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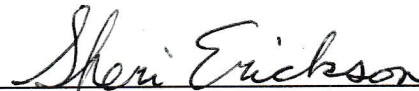
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Town Supervisor, Barry Ketchum

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