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Sec. 10-1. - Roosters prohibited.

- (a) The Board finds that the noise and disturbance associated with the keeping of roosters by individuals within the town's corporate limits constitutes a nuisance.
- (b) No person may cause, suffer or permit roosters to be kept on any property situated within the corporate limits of the town.
- (c) Any person keeping a rooster on the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived shall have 30 days after being notified in writing of the existence of this chapter to comply with its terms.

(Prior Code, § 10-1)

Sec. 10-2. - Keeping farm animals inside city limits.

- (a) *Small farm animals.* Small farm animals and fowl may be kept under the following circumstances:
 - (1) Small farm animals means those that normally weigh less than 500 pounds at maturity. Small animals include, but are not limited to: goats, sheep, rabbits, etc.
 - (2) Fowl means feathered animals that normally weigh less than 50 pounds at maturity.
 - (3) The lot on which the animals are kept complies with the minimum lot size for the zoning district within which it is located.
 - (4) Animals are kept secured on site under sanitary conditions with adequate food, water, and shelter.
 - (5) Pens, roosts, hutches, etc., for the animals are located at least 50 feet from the nearest adjacent structure.
- (b) *Large farm animals.* Large farm animals may be kept under the following circumstances:
 - (1) Large animals generally include, but are not limited to: pigs, horses, cows, etc.
 - (2) The lot on which the animals are kept is at least one acre in size.
 - (3) Grazing type animals (horses, cows, donkeys, etc.) have one acre per adult animal of grazing area available to them, not including buildings.
 - (4) Animals are kept secured on site under sanitary conditions with adequate food, water, and shelter.
 - (5) Barns, stables, etc., for the animals are located at least 50 feet from the property lines.

(Prior Code, § 10-2; Ord. of 12-11-2000)

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Sec. 10-3. - Removal of animals.

1. Upon complaint by an aggrieved party or Orange County Animal Control officials, the town shall investigate any violation of the standards specified in [section 10-2](#)
2. Any animals found to be kept in violation of the relevant standards shall be considered nuisances. Removal will be in accord with notice and time requirements in [section 11-38](#), pertaining to nuisance abatement.
3. Any animal that generates repeated and verified noise complaints shall also be considered nuisances.

(Prior Code, § 10-3; Ord. of 12-11-2000)

Sec. 10-4. - Penalties and remedies.

- (a) A violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days.
- (b) A violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall also subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$24.00. If the offender fails to pay this penalty within 15 calendar days after being cited for a violation, the penalty may be recovered by the town in a civil action in the nature of a debt.
- (c) Each day that any violation continues after a person has been notified that such violation exists and that he is subject to the penalties specified in subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall constitute a separate offense.
- (d) This chapter may also be enforced by any appropriate equitable action, including injunctions or orders of abatement.
- (e) The town may enforce this chapter by any one or any combination of the foregoing remedies.

(Prior Code, § 10-4; Ord. of 3-9-1987)

FOOTNOTE(S):

⁽¹⁸⁾ **Editor's note**— The animal control ordinance designed and adopted by Orange County was duly adopted by the Hillsborough Town Board effective April 5, 1983. On May 11, 1998, the Hillsborough Town Board duly adopted the Orange County Animal Control Ordinance to include any and all future amendments as deemed appropriate by Orange County. This ordinance can be viewed at the Orange County Clerk to the Board's Office) (Amended 5-11-1998) ([Back](#))

⁽¹⁸⁾ **State Law reference**— City authority to regulate domestic animals, G.S. 160A-186; city authority to regulate or prohibit animals dangerous to person or property, G.S. 160A-187. ([Back](#))