

Town of Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances

90.20 ANIMAL CARE AND MISTREATMENT.

(A) No person shall mistreat an animal in any way. It is unlawful for any person to inflict unnecessary or needless cruelty, torture, abuse or cruelly beat, strike or abuse any animal, or by an act or omission or neglect cause or inflict any unnecessary or unjustifiable pain, suffering, injury, or death to any animal whether such animal belongs to such person or to another, except that reasonable force may be employed to drive away vicious or trespassing animals. Keeping an animal in an unhealthy environment or under unhealthy conditions as deemed such by the Animal Control Officer shall constitute mistreatment and unlawful hereunder. Any unwanted animals should be delivered to the humane society for proper disposal.

(B) It shall also be unlawful for any person in charge of any animal to fail, refuse or neglect to provide such animal with sufficient food, potable water, shade or proper and healthy shelter and protection, veterinary care, or to cruelly or unnecessarily expose any such animal in hot, stormy, cold, or inclement weather, or to carry any such animal in or upon any vehicle in a cruel or inhumane manner.

('81 Code, § 90.06) (Ord. 93050, passed 10-12-93) Penalty, see § [10.99](#)

90.21 ABANDONING ANIMALS AND KEEPING ANIMALS.

(A) No owner or individual in custody of an animal shall abandon such animal.

(B) All pens, yards, runs, or other structures wherein any animal is kept shall be of such construction so as to be easily cleaned and kept in good repair. Fences which are intended as enclosures for any animal shall be securely constructed, shall be adequate for the purpose, kept in good repair, and shall not be allowed to become unsightly.

('81 Code, § 90.07) (Ord. 93050, passed 10-12-93) Penalty, see § [10.99](#)

90.27 KEEPING DOMESTIC FOWL.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or have in his or her possession any chickens, turkeys, ducks, guineas, geese, pheasants, pigeons or other domestic fowl that will because of noise, odors, or flies, or otherwise tend to impair the health or disturb the peace quiet and comfort of nearby residents occupants of places of business.

('81 Code, § 90.13) (Ord. 93050 passed 10-12-93) Penalty, see § 10.99

90.28 COOPS FOR CONFINEMENT OF FOWL.

It shall be unlawful for any person to confine fowl in coops or other enclosures less than 18 inches in height. Such coops or other enclosures shall not be so filled that fowl therein will not be able to move around freely within the same. All coops or other enclosures used to confine fowl shall be provided at all times with clean food and pure water placed in Containers outside of the coop or other enclosure, protected from contamination, and accessible to the fowl at all times. Coops or other enclosures used to confine fowl shall be provided with clean litter and cross-ventilation at all times. No fowl shall be left in any building unless provision is made for outside ventilation.

('81 Code, § 90.14) (Ord. 93050, passed 10-12-93) Penalty, see § 10.99

90.29 NUISANCE ANIMALS.

(A) The actions of an animal constitute a nuisance when an animal disturbs the rights of, threatens the safety of, or damages a member of the general public, or interferes with the ordinary use and enjoyment of their property.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, possess, or maintain an animal in such a manner so as to constitute a public nuisance. By way of example and not of limitation, the following acts or actions by an owner or possessor of an animal are declared to be a public nuisance and are therefore unlawful:

- (1) Allowing an animal to run without control or not under constraint as defined herein.
- (2) Allowing or permitting an animal to damage the property of anyone other than its owner, including, but not limited to, turning over garbage containers or damaging gardens or flowers.
- (3) Maintaining an animal that habitually or repeatedly chases, snaps at, bites, or attacks pedestrians, bicycles, or vehicles, or other animals, or any animal whose behavior constitutes a reasonable risk of injuring a human or other animal.
- (4) Allowing or permitting an animal to bark, whine, howl, honk, bray, cry, or make other noises in an excessive, continuous, untimely, or unreasonable fashion, or to make other noise in such a manner so as to result in a serious annoyance or interference with the reasonable use and enjoyment of neighboring premises.
- (5) Maintaining an animal who has noxious or offensive odors.
- (6) Allowing or permitting an animal to defecate upon any public place or upon any premises not owned or controlled by the owner or harbinger unless promptly removed (two minutes) by the animal owner or harbinger.
- (7) Maintaining an animal in an environment of unsanitary conditions which results in offensive odors, filth, vermin, or disease, or is dangerous to the animal or to the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (8) Maintaining property in a manner that is offensive, annoying or dangerous to the public health, safety or welfare of the community because of the number, type, variety, density, or location of the animals on the property.

('81 Code, § 90.15) (Ord. 93050, passed 10-12-93) Penalty, see § 10.99

90.54 COLLAR; TAG MUST BE WORN.

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or keep a dog or cat more than six months of age on any premises within the town unless the dog or cat wears a collar or harness securely attached to its body to which shall be securely attached a tag issued for the dog or cat by a licensed veterinarian, licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state, showing the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies.

('81 Code, § 90.29) (Ord. 93050, passed 10-12-93; Am. Ord. 01031, passed 6-12-01) Penalty, see § [10.99](#)