

TOWN OF PICTURE BUTTE
BYLAW NO. 951-24

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF PICTURE BUTTE RESPECTING THE REGULATION, LICENCING AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS IN THE TOWN OF PICTURE BUTTE

WHEREAS Section 7 the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta enables a Council to pass bylaws in regards to the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta enables a Council to pass bylaws to regulate wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them;

WHEREAS Bylaw No. 885-19 Dog Control Bylaw and Bylaw No. 926-22 Urban Hen Bylaw regulates dogs and chickens in Town;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Picture Butte, in the Province of Alberta duly assembled, thereby enact as follows:

1. CITATION:

1.1. This bylaw may be cited as the Animal Regulations Bylaw.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1. For the purpose of this Bylaw, the following words mean:

1. "Act" means the MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, RSA 2000, c, M-26.1, section 541, as amended.
2. "Administrator" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Picture Butte.
3. "Animal" means any bird, reptile, amphibian or mammal excluding Humans and wildlife;
4. "Council" means the Municipal Council of the Town of Picture Butte.
5. "Designated Officer" means the Chief Administrative Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, R.C.M.P. Officer, Community and Development Officer and or a Peace Officer
6. "Livestock" includes, but is not limited to:
 1. a horse, mule, ass, swine, emu, ostrich, camel, llama, alpaca, sheep or goat;
 2. domestically reared or kept deer, reindeer, moose, elk, or bison;
 3. farm bred fur bearing Animals including foxes or mink;
 4. Animals of the bovine species;
 5. Animals of the avian species including, turkeys, ducks, geese, or pheasants; and
 6. all other Animals that are kept for agricultural purposes, but does not include cats, dogs, exotic birds, fish, reptiles, domesticated rabbits, Guinea pigs, gerbils, hamsters, ferrets or chickens.
7. "Order" means a written order in accordance with subsection 545 of the Act.
8. "Owner" means any natural person or body corporate;
 1. who is the licensed Owner of the Animal;
 2. who has legal title to the Animal;
 3. who has possession or custody of the Animal, either temporarily or permanently; or
 4. who harbours the Animal, or allows the Animal to remain on his premises;
9. "Provincial Court" means The Provincial Court of Alberta;
10. "Town" means the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Picture Butte.

3. LIVESTOCK

- 3.1. No person shall keep Livestock within the Town of Picture Butte except when;
1. Any livestock is kept on a temporary basis in veterinary clinics and the Rodeo grounds or in auction marts, livestock sales yards, slaughter houses or similar establishments where such animals are held temporarily and for short periods of time and are held in pens used exclusively for purposes which are incidental to the business conducted on the premises provided that such pens or other enclosures meet with the approval of the bylaw officer; or
 2. The Livestock is part of the Town's Jamboree Days annual parade and celebrations.
 3. The Livestock is kept at the Picture Butte High School for educational purposes and the number of Livestock does not exceed five (5) Animal Units.
- 3.2. For the purpose of Section 3.1.3 "one animal unit" equals the following:
1. One horse, donkey, or mule over a year old
 2. Two colts up to one year old
 3. One llama/alpaca
 4. Two ostrich, emu or other ratite
 5. One cow or steer over one year old
 6. Two calves up to one year old
 7. One elk or bison/buffalo
 8. Ten ducks, turkeys, pheasants, geese or other similar fowl or in combination thereof
 9. Three sheep or goats over a year old
 10. Two swine over a year old
 11. Twenty rabbits or hares

Urban Hens as governed under the Town's Urban Hen Bylaw will not count to the five (5) allowable number of animal units for the Picture Butte High School.

- 3.3. Owners are responsible for ensuring the following are complied with:
1. Feces or manure must not be stockpiled, must be properly managed and contained on premise, and regularly disposed of in a healthy, safe manner and shall not run-off, contaminate or cause a nuisance to other lands or water sources;
 2. Dead animals must be promptly and properly removed or disposed of immediately after death to minimise odours, flies and transmission of disease to other animals or humans.
 3. No animal bedding, feed, feathers, or fur shall be permitted to blow onto other properties or create a nuisance in any way.
 4. Livestock are to be fenced in a secure area that prevents free roaming and is constructed in accordance with any laws or regulations for livestock containment and to the satisfaction of Council.

4. PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

- 4.1. Where a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or a Peace Officer believes that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, they may commence proceedings by issuing a summons by means of a violation ticket in accordance with Part 2 of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.P-34.
- 4.2. When the person responsible fails to comply with a written notice issued by a Designated Officer of the Town, the Town may remedy the violation at the expense of the Owner. Any unpaid expenses and cost incurred by the Town will be added to the Tax Roll if they remain unpaid 90 days after the fine has been issued.

- 4.3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be subject to a fine as outlined in Schedule A.
- 4.4. A Designated Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a violation ticket pursuant to Part 2 of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act of the Statutes of Alberta 1988, being Chapter P-21.5 and as amended.

5. COMING INTO EFFECT

- 5.1. This bylaw rescinds Bylaw No. 921-21 Animal Regulations Bylaw and any amendments to that bylaw.
- 5.2. This Bylaw shall come into effect on the date of the third reading.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.
READ A SECOND TIME, THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.
READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

TOWN OF PICTURE BUTTE



Cathy Moore
Mayor



Keith Davis
CAO

SCHEDULE A

Violation Fine (per offence)	\$250.00
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