

Ordinance No. 695

An ordinance amending the City's Livestock at Large

WHEREAS, Forks Municipal Code Chapter 6.15 establishes the requirement of owners of livestock to maintain those livestock on their property and prevent said livestock from wandering the streets of Forks;

WEHREAS, that chapter does not include goats, chickens, and geese;

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the chapter so that it includes these animals;

WHEREAS, there is also a need to make a violation of the chapter a civil penalty versus a criminal penalty;

WHEREAS, amendments to Forks Municipal Code Chapter 6.15 is warranted;

BASED THEREON, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORKS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amending FMC 6.15.010 – Livestock at large. Forks Municipal Code 6.15.010 is hereby amended with the underlined text replacing the stricken text.

§ 6.15.010. Livestock at large.

From and after the taking effect of this chapter it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to permit or suffer any cattle, horses, swine, or sheep, goat, chicken, or goose to escape from their premises onto or at large upon the streets, sidewalks or alleys of the city of Forks, or upon any property therein not that of the owner.

(Ord. 9 § 1, 1946)

Section 2. Amending 6.15.020 – Violation - Penalty. Forks Municipal Code 2.80.060 is hereby amended with the underlined text replacing the stricken text.

§ 6.15.020. Violation – Penalty.

Any person, firm or corporation violating the terms and provisions of this chapter, after being warned one time prior, shall have committed a civil penalty which will be subject to a fine ~~shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of a minimum of \$50 and not in excess of \$300.00, or, in the case of an individual, imprisoned for a period not in excess of 30 days, or both such fine and imprisonment.~~

(Ord. 9 § 2, 1946)

Section 3. Adding FMC 6.15.040. Costs. Forks Municipal Code Chapter 6.15.040 is amended updating the office associated with this chapter.

§ 6.15.040. Costs.

Before surrendering the possession of any such animal so impounded, the ~~city marshal~~ City,
through the Police Department, shall demand and receive from the owner thereof, if he be
known, the cost of impounding, feeding and keeping such animal.
(Ord. 9 § 4, 1946)

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five-days after being published
in the City's journal of record as required by state law.

Passed by the City Council during a regularly scheduled meeting held on Sept 14 2026,
and approved by the Mayor thereafter.



Tim Fletcher, Mayor

Authenticated and Attested to:



Caryn Depew, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to Form:



William R. Fleck, Attorney/Planner