

## LIVESTOCK

### § 95.070 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**LIVESTOCK.** Any grazing animal, including but not limited to cattle, horses, mules, asses, burros, sheep and goats.

**RUN AT LARGE.** An animal is not under actual physical restraint by means of a pen, fence or other structure or any type of lead.

(1998 Code, § 18-121) (Ord. 05-08, passed 7-20-2005)

### § 95.071 OWNER'S REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

(A) The owner or possessor of any livestock situated within the city limits of the city must annually complete an application and obtain an owner's registration from the Police Department. The Police Department shall retain a copy on file of each owner's registration.

(B) The cost of the owner's registration shall be \$10, regardless of amount of livestock.

(C) Owner's registrations shall expire automatically on August 31 of each year.

(1998 Code, § 18-122) (Ord. 05-08, passed 7-20-2005) Penalty, see §95.999

### § 95.072 POSTING.

(A) The owner's registration number must be clearly posted at all exterior gates to the premises to which the livestock is housed or kept.

(B) Failure to post proof of owner's registration is an offense.

(C) Posting or exhibiting fraudulent owner registration information, in whole or in part, is an offense under this section.

(1998 Code, § 18-123) (Ord. 05-08, passed 7-20-2005; Ord. 05-29, passed 8-3-2005) Penalty, see §95.999

### § 95.073 RUNNING AT LARGE.

(A) Livestock must be contained in an area with fencing adequate to prevent the animals from exiting the confines from which they are housed or kept.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow or permit livestock owned or possessed by that person to run at large.

(C) A culpable mental state is not required as an element of this offense. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution if the livestock was running at large due to the act of a third person, other than the owner or occupant of the premises, or due to some factor not reasonably foreseeable by the owner or person having possession of the livestock.

(D) Livestock running at large are subject to impoundment by Galveston County designated by the city.

(1998 Code, § 18-124) (Ord. 05-08, passed 7-20-2005) Penalty, see §95.999

### § 95.074 NOTIFICATION OF LOOSE LIVESTOCK.

The Police will contact the county regarding loose livestock.

### § 95.999 PENALTY.

(A) Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99.

(B) If any person violates any provision of §95.028 of this chapter, it shall constitute a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine in accordance with the general penalties set forth in § 10.99 of this code of ordinances.

(1998 Code, § 18-46)

(C) Anyone violating any provision of §§95.055 through 95.057 of this chapter by trapping, hunting, shooting, shooting at or molesting any bird or wildfowl or robbing the nests of birds or wildfowl in the corporate limits of the city shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in § 10.99 of this code of ordinances.

(1998 Code, § 18-104)

(D) Failure of the owner or possessor of livestock to register the livestock is an offense under §95.071 of this chapter. A violator on the first violation shall be issued a warning citation. For subsequent violations, the violation may be punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$500, upon conviction.

(1998 Code, § 18-122)

(E) (1) A violator on the first violation of §95.072(B) of this chapter shall be issued a warning citation. For subsequent violations, the violation may be punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$500, upon conviction.

(2) Violation of § 95.072(C) of this chapter is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$500, upon conviction.

(1998 Code, § 18-123)

(F) An offense under § 95.073 of this chapter is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$500, upon conviction.

(1998 Code, § 18-124)

(Ord. 05-08, passed 7-20-2005; Ord. 05-29, passed 8-3-2005; Ord. 07-13, passed 3-7-2007)