

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF HORSES
AND OTHER ANIMALS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS
OF THE CITY OF HALLSVILLE; PROVIDING A PENALTY BY FINE
OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00 FOR VIOLATION FOR ITS
PROVISIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the keeping of animals in pens and enclosures creates odors and encourages the breeding of flies; and

WHEREAS, such conditions create a health hazard which is detrimental to the health of persons residing in the vicinity where animals are kept and maintained; and

WHEREAS, animals are now kept and maintained within the corporate limits of the city of Hallsville; and

WHEREAS, the presence of the same are now creating unpleasant odors and constitute a general hazard to the health of the citizens of Hallsville; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNSEL OF THE CITY OF HALLSVILLE, TEXAS:

SECTION I

It shall be unlawful for any owner, keeper or person to keep any horse, mule, jack, jennie, cow, cattle, sheep, goat, hog, or similar animal in a shed, stable, pen or other enclosure at a distance less than two hundred (200) feet from any residence or business establishment or any building used for sleeping or dispensing food unless such person is in compliance with Section III of this ordinance.

SECTION II.

It shall be unlawful for any owner, keeper or person to keep more than one horse, mule, jack, jennie, cow, cattle,

sheep, goat, hog, or other similar animal per eight thousand (8,000) square feet of land within the corporate limits of the city of Hallsville, unless such person is in compliance with Section III of this ordinance.

SECTION III.

All persons keeping any horse, mule, jack, jennie, cow, cattle, sheep, goat, hog or similar animal in a shed, stable, pen or other enclosure at a distance less than two hundred (200) feet from any residence or building establishment or building used for sleeping or dispensing food prior to the date of the passage of this ordinance shall be deemed in compliance with this ordinance. All persons keeping more than one horse, mule, jack, jennie, cow, cattle, sheep, goat, hog or similar animal per eight thousand (8,000) square feet of land prior to the date of passage of this ordinance shall be deemed in compliance with this ordinance. Any person purchasing property from a person deemed to be in compliance with this ordinance by virtue of this section, shall accrue to the rights of the prior owner.

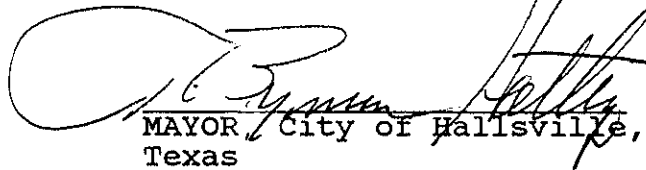
SECTION IV

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction be punished by fine in any amount not to exceed two hundred (\$200.00) Dollars. Each day that an animal is kept or maintained in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

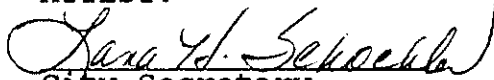
SECTION V

The keeping of animals near residences and in heavily populated areas creates a health hazard and a nuisance and the fact that animals that are now kept and maintained within the corporate limits within the city of Hallsville, creates an emergency requiring that this ordinance be passed as an emergency measure on its first reading.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this the 22nd day of November 1988.


MAYOR, City of Hallsville,
Texas

ATTEST:


City Secretary