

Ordinance No. 05-2018-06

Town of Simmesport

REGULATIONS FOR HORSES

State Law reference— Local regulation of livestock on public highways, R.S. 3:3001 et seq.

Sec. 1 - Enforcement of chapter.

Town officials are empowered to patrol the streets, roads or public places, with proper and suitable equipment; to employ proper agents; and to perform all necessary acts to efficiently catch and impound all stray hogs, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, mules, poultry, or other such animals, and all vicious animals which may be found at large in the streets, roads, or public places within the limits of the town. The cost of impoundment shall be paid by the owner of the impounded animal running at large. The costs shall be set by the town board, which has the authority to change such costs from time to time.

Sec. 2 - Places horses kept are to be kept clean.

All places where horses are kept shall be kept clean and wholesome by removal of all ordure, urine and other offensive matters and by suitable cleansing as often as may be necessary, under the rules and guidelines of the SPCA, state and parish health departments and regulations.

Sec. 3 - Soiling of public and private property by animals.

- (a) If any public or private property is soiled or contaminated by a horse, the owner, rider, or keeper of the horse shall immediately cleanup and properly dispose of the animals waste, whether such nuisance shall take place in the presence of the owner or keeper or not. A failure to immediately cleanup and properly dispose of the animals waste shall be deemed a violation of this section. If the owner or the keeper is a minor, the parents or guardian thereof shall be deemed guilty of violating this section.
- (b) Any person who is in violation of any portion of this section, shall be punished by the general penalty set forth in **Ordinance No. 04-2018-01**.

Sec. 4 - Riding of horses on public property.

- (a) No horse shall be ridden on the streets or rights-of-way of the town in the time period from one-half hour prior to sunset of each evening until one-half hour after sunrise of the following morning. This subsection (b) shall not apply to a horse being ridden in a permitted parade.
- (b) No "trail ride" which has horse riders or horses pulling wagons or carts shall be conducted upon the streets or rights-of-ways of the town without first obtaining permission from the Town of Simmesport Council to hold such an event. A "trail ride" meaning three or more horses riding together for recreational purposes.
- (c) Any person who is in violation of any portion of this section, shall be punished by the general penalty set forth in **Ordinance No. 04-2018-01**.