

**ORDINANCE  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

SHERIFF ROBERT D. SPODEN  
INITIATED BY

PUBLIC SAFETY &  
JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
SUBMITTED BY



JEROME A. LONG  
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JANUARY 24, 2013  
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REPEALING SECTION 3.206(19) AND CREATING SECTION 3.220 OF  
THE ROCK COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

1 The Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting this 28 day of February,  
2 2013, does ordain as follows:

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4 I. Section 3.206(19) of the Rock County Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed.

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6 II. Section 3.220 of the Rock County Ordinances is created to read as follows:

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8 **3.220 Mistreatment of Animals**

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10 The following Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted by reference to the 2011-2012 statutes and  
11 as subsequently amended:

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13 (A) Definitions: The definitions in Wis. Stats. 951.01 and as subsequently amended apply to this  
14 section.

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16 (B) 951.02 Mistreating animals. No person may treat any animal, whether belonging to the  
17 person or another, in a cruel manner. This section does not prohibit normal and accepted  
18 veterinary practices.

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20 (C) 951.05 Transportation of animals. No person may transport any animal in or upon any  
21 vehicle in a cruel manner.

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23 (D) 951.13 Providing proper food and drink to confined animals. No person owning or  
24 responsible for confining or impounding any animal may fail to supply the animal with a  
25 sufficient supply of food and water as prescribed in this section.

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27 (1) FOOD. The food shall be sufficient to maintain all animals in good health.

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29 (2) WATER. If potable water is not accessible to the animals at all times, it shall be  
30 provided daily and in sufficient quantity for the health of the animal.

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32 (E) 951.14 Providing proper shelter. No person owning or responsible for confining or  
33 impounding any animal may fail to provide the animal with proper shelter as prescribed in this  
34 section. In the case of farm animals, nothing in this section shall be construed as imposing shelter  
35 requirements or standards more stringent than normally accepted husbandry practices in the  
36 particular county where the animal or shelter is located.

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38 (1) INDOOR STANDARDS. Minimum indoor standards of shelter shall include:

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40 (a) Ambient temperatures. The ambient temperature shall be compatible with the health  
41 of the animal.

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43 (b) Ventilation. Indoor housing facilities shall be adequately ventilated by natural or  
44 mechanical means to provide for the health of the animals at all times.  
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43 (2) OUTDOOR STANDARDS. Minimum outdoor standards of shelter shall include:

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45 (a) Shelter from sunlight. When sunlight is likely to cause heat exhaustion of an  
46 animal tied or caged outside, sufficient shade by natural or artificial means shall be  
47 provided to protect the animal from direct sunlight. As used in this paragraph,  
48 "caged" does not include farm fencing used to confine farm animals.

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50 (b) Shelter from inclement weather. 1. 'Animals generally.' Natural or artificial  
51 shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be  
52 provided as necessary for the health of the animal.

53 2. 'Dogs.' If a dog is tied or confined unattended outdoors under weather  
54 conditions which adversely affect the health of the dog, a shelter of suitable size to  
55 accommodate the dog shall be provided.

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57 (3) SPACE STANDARDS. Minimum space requirements for both indoor and outdoor  
58 enclosures shall include:

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60 (a) Structural strength. The housing facilities shall be structurally sound and  
61 maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the  
62 animals.

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64 (b) Space requirements. Enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so as to  
65 provide sufficient space to allow each animal adequate freedom of movement.  
66 Inadequate space may be indicated by evidence of debility, stress or abnormal  
67 behavior patterns.

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69 (4) SANITATION STANDARDS. Minimum standards of sanitation for both indoor and  
70 outdoor enclosures shall include periodic cleaning to remove excreta and other waste  
71 materials, dirt and trash so as to minimize health hazards.

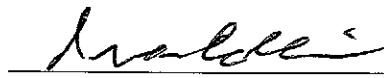
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73 (F) 951.15 Abandoning animals. No person may abandon any animal.

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75 (G) Whoever violates this section shall be subject to a forfeiture not to exceed \$500 upon  
76 conviction.

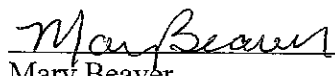
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78 III. Section 3.220 shall be effective upon publication.

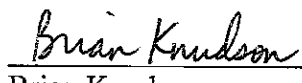
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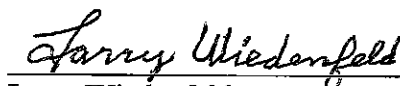
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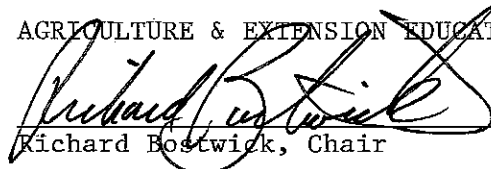
  
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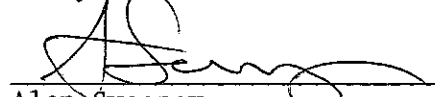
  
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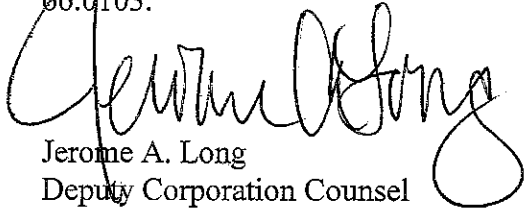
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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action by Wisconsin Statutes §§ 59.02(1) and (2) and 66.0103.



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FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact.



Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson  
County Administrator