

State of Louisiana

Parish of Grant In the Name and By the Authority of The Police Jury of Grant Parish

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts and
carried to adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 01-2025

REGULATING UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY OF LIVESTOCK ONTO PROPERTY

WHEREAS there is a need to protect the public safety, health, and welfare of the citizens of the Parish of Grant in regard to the hazards associated with livestock at large or on the public roads and highways within the Parish of Grant, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS the ordinances adopted by the various wards and the Parish have not been updated in many years;

WHEREAS Louisiana law empowers the Police Jury to pass ordinances regulating and policing livestock and imposing the penalties identified below (*see* La. R.S. 33:1236(5), (25); La. R.S. 33:1243(A)); and

WHEREAS There is hereby found and declared a necessity to prohibit livestock from roaming at large in Grant Parish, Louisiana, on any of the parish roads or public highways; and

BE IT ORDAINED that, subject to La.R.S. 3:2803, it shall be unlawful for any person owning livestock to knowingly, willfully, or negligently permit their livestock to go at large at any time or upon any of the parish roads and public highways in Grant Parish, with the exception that (1) livestock may go on the levees, or the space between the base of the levees and the draining ditch at any time, except where, in the judgment of the levee commissioners of a district and the office of engineering, damage would occur to the levees from exposure to wear, tear, and abuse and (2) where the water is against the levee on both sides, that is, where the grounds on the river and land side are both covered with water, people living in the vicinity may put stock on these levees temporarily; and

BE IT ORDAINED that, it shall further be unlawful for any person owning livestock to knowingly, willfully, or negligently permit their livestock to go at large upon the private property of another person, without the consent of the private property owner. This Ordinance shall not be construed to impose any liability upon the Parish or the Police Jury for damage caused by livestock to any property; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Livestock means any quadruped livestock; i.e. horse, equine, pony, cow, bull, ox, mule, donkey, bovine, sheep, hog, pig, goat, llama, or alpaca. Livestock also means any barnyard fowl, i.e. chicken, guinea fowl, avian species, geese, bird, ducks, emu, turkey, or peacock.

Owner means any person having a right of property or custody of an animal or who keeps or harbors or finds and knowingly permits the animal to remain on or about their premises.

Parish means the Parish of Grant.

Person means any individual, corporation, partnership, organization, or institution commonly recognized by law as a unit.

State means the State of Louisiana, the United States.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Police Jury that, by enacting this Ordinance:

The penalty for a person's first violation of this Ordinance may be a fine of up to \$100.00. In addition to, or in lieu of, the foregoing penalty for a person's first violation of this Ordinance, a person may be compelled to perform up to ten (10) hours of community service for his or her first violation of this Ordinance.

The penalty for a person's second violation of this Ordinance may be a fine of up to \$250.00 or imprisonment of up to 5 days in the parish jail, or both. In addition to, or in lieu of, the foregoing penalties for a person's second violation of this Ordinance, a person may be compelled to perform up to twenty (20) hours of community service for his or her second violation of this Ordinance.

The penalty for a person's third violation of this Ordinance, and all subsequent violations of this Ordinance, may be a fine of up to \$500.00 or imprisonment of up to 15 days in the parish jail, or both. In addition to, or in lieu of, the foregoing penalties for a person's third violation and subsequent violations of this Ordinance, a person may be compelled to perform up to forty (40) hours of community service for his or her third violation and/or subsequent violations of this Ordinance; and


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED if any part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

DATE OF ENACTMENT - This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval and shall repeal all Ordinances in conflict herewith.

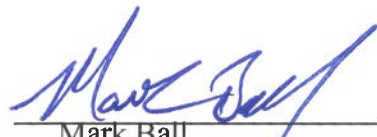
WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 3 ABSENT: 0

THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 13th DAY OF March, 2025.



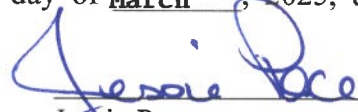
Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury



Mark Ball
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify the forgoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the said Police Jury in a regular session on the 13th day of March, 2025, at which a quorum was present.



Jessie Pace
Parish Manager / Sec-Treas
Grant Parish Police Jury