

**TOWN OF MIDDLETON
LIVESTOCK BYLAW**

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Livestock Bylaw.”

Legislative Authority and Intent

2. This Bylaw has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, S.N.S. 1998, c.18 and amendments thereto. Sub-section 172(2)(b) provides that Municipal Council may regulate any animal. This Bylaw shall apply within the boundaries of the Town of Middleton.

Definitions

3. Except as provided below, terms used in this policy shall have the same meaning as in the *Municipal Government Act*, or as their context applies according to a dictionary of the English language:
 - (1) “at large” means found in any place other than the owner’s property and not under the continuous restraint and control of some person;
 - (2) “livestock” includes:
 - (a) Cattle, horses, sheep, swine and poultry,
 - (b) Game farm animals including cervids (deer family), wild boar, bison, buffalo, ratites, llamas and alpacas,
 - (c) Foxes, chinchilla and mink raised for fur production,
 - (d) Rabbits raised for meat production,
 - (e) Any animals designated as farm animals in the *Animal Protection Act*;
 - (3) "Municipality" means the Municipality of the County of Annapolis;
 - (4) “Municipal Staff” means a municipal employee designated by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to act on the Municipality’s behalf for the purpose of enforcing this Bylaw.
 - (5) “Owner” includes any person who has lawful custody of livestock.
 - (6) “Town” means the Town of Middleton.

Administration of Bylaw

4. Municipal Staff shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Bylaw.

5. Municipal Staff shall protect the confidentiality of all persons involved in an investigation to the greatest extent possible, except as may be required to be disclosed for court prosecution and in accordance with Part XX, *Municipal Government Act* (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy).
6. If Municipal Staff determine, upon reasonable grounds, that an owner has contravened this bylaw, they may give a written warning before taking any other action under this Bylaw as they deem appropriate.

Prohibitions and Interpretations

7. Every owner whose livestock is at large and fails to take all reasonable steps to immediately regain custody and control of their livestock is in contravention of this Bylaw.
8. Every owner who fails to take all necessary steps to prevent livestock from being at large, including but not limited to erecting and maintaining fences adequate for that purpose, is in contravention of this Bylaw..
9. Each of Section 7 and 8 is a separate and distinct offence.

Penalty

10. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is punishable on summary conviction by a fine of not less than \$150.00 and not more than \$1,000 for a first offence, and not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offence. For the purposes of this section, it is irrelevant whether the offences were prosecuted pursuant to the same section of this Bylaw.

Repeal

11. A Bylaw known as Farm Animals and Domestic Fowl Bylaw, dated July 7, 1969, is hereby repealed.



CERTIFICATION

I, **Sara Marceau, Town Clerk for the Town of Middleton**, do hereby certify that the bylaw, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly passed at a called meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middleton held on the 15th day of December 2025.

GIVEN under the hand of the Town Clerk and the corporate seal of the Town of Middleton on this 15th day of December 2025.


Sara Marceau
Town Clerk

Bylaw Adoption	
Date of First Reading:	November 17, 2025
Publication of Notice of Intent:	November 18, 2025
Date of 2 nd Reading & Passing:	December 15, 2025
Date of Publication of Notice of Passing:	December 16, 2025
Description: Passing of Original Bylaw	
Description: The initial approval of the Livestock Bylaw, Chapter 62, which includes the repeal of the previous Farm Animals and Domestic Fowl, Chapter 32 approved July 7, 1969.	



TOWN OF MIDDLETON

APPLICATION TO KEEP CERTAIN FARM ANIMALS AND DOMESTIC FOWL WITHIN THE
TOWN

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Address of Applicant: _____

Type of Animals or Fowl: _____

Number of Animals or Fowl: _____

Location where said
Animals are to be kept: _____

Date

Signature of Applicant

Permit is hereby granted to the above-named to keep the above-mentioned farm animals or domestic fowl within the Town of Middleton. Licenses are renewed automatically unless there are complaints from neighboring residents or the license holders fail to comply with the Farm Animal Bylaw.

Date

Chief Administrative Officer

Amount of License Fee: NIL