

TOWN RESIDENTS

April 8, 2026

It has been brought to the council's attention of the destruction of property that cats who are running at large are destroying land scaping, porch furniture on town residents' properties.

90.01: ANIMAL DEFINITIONS

Any, cow, sheep, swine, fowl dog, cat or any other domesticated animal and includes both the singular and plural thereof.

PERSON. Any individual residing or owning property within the town, as well as any firm, corporation or group of individuals, firms or corporations within the town.

90.02: PROHIBITED ACTS

It shall hereafter be prohibited and contrary to this chapter and the LAW OF THE TOWN for any person to:

- (A) Allow any animal to run at large within the town boundaries
- (B) To keep within the town boundaries any animal which by loud and frequent barking, howling, yelping or other animal noise disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or annoys any citizen of the town.
- (C) To allow or keep any animal which destroys, defaces or damages shrubbery, lawns, flowers, gardens or other personal or real property; or
- (D) To fail to confine any female animal in heat in a closed building so that the animal cannot come into contact with another animal except for planned and supervised breeding.

90.99: PENALTY

(A) Any person violating this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined \$40.00 if the conviction is that person's first offense under this chapter and fined \$50.00 if the conviction is that person's second offense under this chapter and \$60.00 for each conviction after the second offense.

(B) In addition, the owner of any animal taken into custody by the town shall pay and be responsible for all reasonable transportation cost, impound fees, boarding expenses, reclaiming fees and other costs incurred by the town or its agents for the transport and storage of the animal.

If you take in a stray animal, or put pans out to feed and water please remember that you are assuming responsibility for that animal, which includes cats, dogs etc. and they must be contained to your property and not be allowed to roam the town, just like a dog who has gotten loose. These ordinances will be policed as of the date of this letter.
Ordinances adopted 1982.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Darlington Town Council