

**ARTICLE 591
REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE**

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591.01 FINDINGS OF FACTS

1. The Town Council of Belle has determined that animal waste has become an issue of Health and Sanitation within the Corporate limits of the Town of Belle.

2. The Town Council of Belle has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of Belle to require the removal and disposal of animal waste from areas not owned by the owner of the animal.

3. The Town Council of Belle has determined that in order to enforce this ordinance against the owner of an animal that creates animal waste a fine shall be imposed upon the owner of the animal or the person in custody of such animal who permits the animal in their custody or control to create animal waste on property not owned or in control by them.

591.02 DEFINITIONS

Animal Waste - means any dog, cat or any other animal that defecates (soils) on property not owned by the owner of said animal or the person who has custody or control of said animal.

591.03 ENFORCEMENT DUTIES

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Humane Officer, Police Officer or their authorized agent or agents of the Town of Belle. All such Officers shall be authorized to issue citations to persons accused of violating any provisions of this Article and said citation shall be returnable to the Belle Municipal Court in the same manner as traffic violations.

591.04 REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE

No person owning or having custody of any dog, cat, or any other animal shall permit any such animal to defecate (soil) on any public street, alley, sidewalk, park or any other public grounds or on private property within the Town of Belle, other than the premises of the owner of or person having custody of said dog, cat, or other animal, unless said defecation is removed immediately and disposed of in an appropriate manner.

591.05 FINES AND PENALTIES

Any person, upon conviction for failing to comply with Section 591.04 of this Article, shall pay a fine of \$15.00 for the First Offense and a fine of \$25.00 for each additional offense.