

ORDINANCE NO. 11

An Ordinance Relative to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

THE VILLAGE OF DECATUR ORDAINS:

Sec.1. That it shall not be lawful for any person to overdrive, overload or drive when overloaded, overwork, torture or torment, deprive of necessary sustenance, cruelly beat, mutilate or cruelly kill or cause or procure to be so overdriven, overloaded, driven when overloaded, overworked, tortured or tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, cruelly beaten, mutilated or killed any animal, and whoever having the charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, inflicts unnecessary cruelty upon the same or willfully fails to provide the same with proper food, drink and shelter or protection from the weather at any place within said Decatur village shall, upon due conviction thereof, be punished by fine of not less than five or exceeding fifty dollars and costs of prosecution or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court; and upon failure to pay such fine and costs of prosecution may be imprisoned for any time not exceeding thirty days unless payment thereof be sooner made and the person so convicted and imprisoned shall be kept at labor inside or outside such place of imprisonment under the direction of the Marshal of said village, and if imprisonment be adjudged in any case, it may be in the village prison or in the county jail of Van Buren County or in any other place of confinement provided by said village for such person in the discretion of the court.

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