

**LDR 2023-03; Proposed Ordinance added to Chapter 14. Animals to add Article V. Livestock and Poultry, Section 14-80. Livestock and poultry not to be off owner's premises; enforcement**

The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to address situations where people in Louisa County are not properly controlling their livestock and poultry or fowl.

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Secs. 14-74—14-79. - Reserved.

**Article V. Livestock and Poultry**

**Sec. 14-80. – Livestock and Poultry not to be off owner's premises; enforcement.**

- (a) **It shall be unlawful for any livestock or poultry in this county to be allowed by the owner to run at large, routinely, intentionally, and knowingly beyond the lawful fence as described in Section 14.3.**
- (b) **For the purpose of this section, livestock or poultry shall be deemed to be "running at large" while roaming or running off the property of its owner or custodian and not under its owner's or custodian's immediate control.**
- (c) **A violation under this section shall result in a \$250.00 fine.**
- (d) **Animals running at large, pursuant to this section, may be impounded in accordance with any other applicable law.**
- (e) **A violation of this section will result in a court summons pursuant to Louisa County Code [section 14-51](#) for an unlawful act that constitutes a Class 4 misdemeanor.**

**State Law reference— Code of Virginia, §§ 3.2-6544(B), 3.2-6587(9), and 3.2-6569**

**(Included for reference only.)**

Existing Definitions in Louisa County Code § 14-2:

***Livestock*** means and includes all domestic or domesticated bovine animals, equine animals, ovine animals, procine animals, cervidae animals, capradae animals, animals of the genus Lama, ratites, fish or shellfish in aquaculture facilities as defined in Code of Virginia, § 3.2-2600, enclosed domesticated rabbits or hares raised for human food or fiber, or any other animal specifically raised for food or fiber, except companion animals.

***Poultry or fowl*** means and includes all domestic fowl and game birds raised in captivity.