

TOWN OF NEW SCANDIA

ORDINANCE NO. 69

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS
IN THE TOWN OF NEW SCANDIA**

The Town Board of New Scandia Township does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Intent and Purpose.

It is the intent and purpose of this Ordinance to regulate the slaughtering and custom processing of animals within the Town of New Scandia pursuant to the authority granted to the Town Board by Minnesota Statutes §368.01 Subd. 14. The Town Board finds that the unregulated slaughtering of animals creates health and nuisance hazards and otherwise jeopardizes the public health and welfare of the residents of the Town.

Section 2. Definitions.

Animal or Animals. "Animal" or "animals" shall mean but not be limited to: cattle, swine, sheep, goats, farmed deer, elk, horses, mules, bison, buffalo, ostrich, emu, llamas, camel, poultry, waterfowl, and wild game of every kind and nature.

Custom Processing. "Custom processing" means slaughtering, eviscerating, dressing or processing an animal or processing meat products for the owner of the animal or of the meat products if any of the meat or meat products derived from the custom processing are returned to the owner of the animal or meat products.

Meat Food Product. "Meat food product" means a product usable as human or animal food and made wholly or in part from meat or a portion of the carcass of animals.

Place of Business. "Place of business" means every location where food or food items are manufactured, processed, sold, stored or handled, including buildings, locations, permanent or portable structures, carnivals, circuses, fairs, or any other permanent or temporary location.

Sell or Sale. "Sell" or "sale" includes the keeping, offering or exposing for sale, use, transportation, transferring, negotiating, soliciting, or exchanging of meat or meat food products, or the having in possession with intent to sell, use, transport, negotiate, solicit or exchange the same and the storing or caring thereof in aid of traffic therein, whether done or permitted in person or through others.

Slaughter House. "Slaughter house" means any land, building, place or establishment in which animals are slaughtered, eviscerated, or dressed for human or animal food.

Section 3. Regulations.

1. No person may sell, offer for sale or possess with intent to sell meat derived from custom processing except in conformance with this ordinance. No person may, with respect to any animal or meat food product, slaughter or process any animal or prepare a meat food product that is usable as human or animal food, at any establishment or place of business within the Town except as permitted in Section 4. No person may operate any slaughter house or custom processing activity except as permitted in Section 4.

Section 4. Permitted Activities.

1. The following animal slaughtering and processing activities are permitted within the Town:

- (a) The processing of a person's own animals raised on property owned or leased by that person and the owner's preparation and transportation of the carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat and meat food products of those animals exclusively for use by the owner and members of the owner's household.
- (b) The butchering, slaughtering or processing of any wild game taken by permit or license issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources provided that the butchering or processing is done by the holder of the permit or license under which the game was taken, or is done for that person for no consideration.
- (c) The processing of meat and meat food products for retail sale to the general public in connection with the operation of a grocery store or food market in the "R-B" Retail Business and "G-B" General Business Districts.

Section 5. Miscellaneous.

If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Adopted by the Town Board of New Scandia Township this 6th day of March, 2001.

ATTEST:


Dolores Peterson, Town Clerk


Dennis D. Seefeldt, Chairman