

**ORDINANCE NO. 207-95**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BANCROFT, MICHIGAN,  
ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS:**

**ANIMAL AND FOWL NUISANCE ORDINANCE**

The Village of Bancroft Ordains:

**Sec. 1. Purpose:**

A nuisance ordinance to prohibit the keeping or harboring of any animal or fowl not considered to be a domesticated animal or pet as herein defined; to provide for exceptions therefrom; and to provide penalties for violations thereof.

**Sec. 2. Definitions:**

(a) "Animal" as used in this ordinance is referred to as being livestock such as (but not inclusive to) cattle, both dairy and beef, sheep, pigs, and horses.

(b) "Fowl" as used in this ordinance is referred to as (but not inclusive to) chickens, and turkeys.

(c) "Domesticated animal or pet" as used in this ordinance is referred to as dogs, cats and birds, with birds being further defined as (but not inclusive to) parrots, canaries, finches, or other pets of an exotic nature.

**Sec. 3. Harboring of Animals and Fowl:**

(a) No person or persons in the Village of Bancroft, resident or non-resident, shall house or cause to be housed, any animal or fowl not considered a domesticated animal or pet within the Village Limits of Bancroft.

(b) No person or persons shall cause to let any such animal or fowl to rest or graze on any of their property, owned or rent-ed, within the Village limits of Bancroft.

(c) No person or persons shall cause to release any such animal or fowl within the Village limits of Bancroft.

**Sec. 4. Exceptions:**

(a) Those animals or fowl not considered to be domesticated as defined in Sec. 2(c), and were within the Village limits on the effective date of said ordinance, are hereby considered to be exempt from said ordinance, provided that such does not interfere with the general health and welfare, or the domestic tranquility of the citizenry of the Village of Bancroft.

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(b) Those animals or fowl that were within the Village limits of Bancroft on the effective date of said ordinance, and are part of an ongoing business venture are exempt from this ordinance.

**Sec. 5. Violation and Penalty:**

Any person or persons who knowingly violates this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred (100) dollars or imprisonment not to exceed more than thirty (30) days or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction.

**Sec. 6. Severability:**

This ordinance and several sections and subsections hereof are hereby declared severable. If any part or clause hereof is adjudged invalid, the balance of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Sec. 7. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed:**

All ordinances previously adopted and inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety; with reference being made to no. 118.

**Sec. 8. Effective Date:**

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its passage, as set forth hereafter.

Date of adoption: Nov 8, 1995

Date of publication: Nov 17, 1995

Effective date: Nov 28, 1995

## ORDINANCE NO. 207-95 CON'T.

I, Karen K. Cole, being the Clerk of the Village of Bancroft, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Village of Bancroft Ordinance No. 207-95, passed on Nov 8, 1995, by a majority vote of the Bancroft Village Council. Further, I do certify that I did cause the same or a synopsis of same to be published in the Owosso Argus-Press newspaper, Owosso, Michigan, within fifteen (15) days after such adoption by the Village Council pursuant to MSA 5.1274.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, A.D., 1995.

BY:

John M. Sedlock  
John M. Sedlock Village President

Karen K. Cole  
Karen K. Cole Village clerk

SEAL OF THE VILLAGE  
OF BANCROFT