

CHAPTER 69

ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLES

69.01 PURPOSE. To prevent damage to St. Croix County highways by animals, animal-drawn vehicles, and animal-drawn implements.

69.02 AUTHORITY. This Chapter is adopted under the authority granted to the county highway commissioner pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 83.01(7)(a).

69.03 DEFINITIONS. As used in this Chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise:

- (A) “Animal-Drawn Vehicles” means any wheeled conveyance or platform that is pulled by one or more animals and used to transport people, goods, or materials on public or private roads. This includes, but is not limited to, carts, wagons, carriages, buggies, surreys, and similar vehicles, regardless of their specific design or use.
- (B) “Cleated Animal Shoes” means any metal or synthetic cleat, spike, projection, or other protrusion attached to the bottom of an animal’s hoof or foot covering, including but not limited to horseshoes, mule shoes, oxen shoes, or any traction devices, intended to improve grip on slippery surfaces.
- (C) “Flat-Soled Animal Shoes” means shoes or coverings attached to an animal’s hoof or foot that have a smooth, non-protruding surface and are designed to minimize wear or damage to paved surfaces.
- (D) “County” means St. Croix County.
- (E) “County Highways” means a road or way designated and maintained by a county’s highway department within the jurisdiction of the county.
- (F) “Damage” means to hurt or harm, to injure, to impair, and/or to lessen the value of materials.
- (G) “Animal-Drawn Implements” means any vehicle, such as a surrey, carriage, wagon, cart, or similar device which is pulled by one or more animals for any purpose.
- (H) “Manure Catching Devices” means a manure catching bag or device that is attached to the animal in order to prevent manure from falling on the road.
- (I) “Wheels” means wheels on animal-drawn vehicles that are typically made from steel.

69.04 DAMAGE TO COUNTY ROADS.

- (A) Only animal shoes with flat soles are permitted on St. Croix County highways during the months of May 1 through October 31 of each year.

(B) Cleated animal shoes are only permitted for use on St. Croix County highways during the months on November 1 through April 30 of each year

(C) All animal drawn implements shall be equipped with wheels that do not cause damage to the highway.

69.05 MANURE CATCHING DEVICES. All animal-drawn vehicles operating on St. Croix County highways shall utilize and be equipped with manure-catching devices attached to the animal while operating on St. Croix County highways.

69.06 PENALTY. Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to the forfeiture schedule in Chapter 1 of the St. Croix County Code of Ordinances.

69.07 AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER. Any future amendments, revisions, or modifications of Wisconsin Statutes incorporated herein are intended to be made part of this Chapter as such amendments, revisions, or modifications are made to said Statutes.

69.08 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Chapter shall take effect and be in force from and after its proper passage and publication pursuant to Wisconsin Law.

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