

[Board of] County Commissioners shall suspend operations immediately after notification that a majority of the [Board of] County Commissioners has directed the cessation of operations.

(2) The [Board of] County Commissioners may provide loans to approved volunteer fire or rescue companies for the purchase of fire or rescue equipment, land, or buildings to be used by those companies. The loans shall be in the amounts and upon the terms as are approved by the [Board of] County Commissioners. (1989, ch. 534)

## Title 11. Animals and Traps

### Subtitle 1. Animals

#### 11-101. Definitions.

(a) Definitions. In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) Animal shelter. "Animal shelter" means any facility owned by, operated by, or under contract to Washington County for the purpose of caring for animals.

(c) At large. "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner or a responsible person.

(d) Sheriff. "Sheriff" includes deputy sheriffs. (1970 ed. sec. 1A-1; 1982, ch. 72; 1984, ch. 289)

#### 11-102. Horses; At Large.

(a) Horses. The owner of a horse may not allow [his] THE horse to be at large in Washington County.

(b) Penalty. If the owner of a horse violates subsection (a) of this section, the owner shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$25 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, and \$500 for each offense after the second offense, to be paid within 1 month of the violation.

(c) Sheriff. The Sheriff shall enforce the provisions of this section by serving a violation notice on a person who violates subsection (a) of this section. The notice shall state:

(1) The time, location, and nature of the violation;

(2) The amount of the civil penalty imposed and the amount to be imposed if subsequent violations occur; and

(3) The name of the court that will provide a hearing upon request.

(d) Impounding.

(1) The Sheriff may also enforce this section by impounding a horse at large and by taking the horse to any animal shelter.

(2) The Sheriff who impounds a horse shall use reasonable effort to locate and notify the owner of the horse.