

**BELIZE:**

**VILLAGE COUNCILS (ANIMALS RESTRICTION)**  
**BY - LAWS, 2004**  
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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 186 of 2004

*BY-LAWS made by the Village Councils in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 23 of the Village Councils Act, Chapter 88 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003, and all other powers thereunto them enabling.*

*(Gazetted 27th November, 2004.)*

1. These By-laws may be cited as the

Short title.

**VILLAGE COUNCILS (ANIMALS RESTRICTION)  
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2. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires-

Interpretation.

“animal” includes pigs, goats and sheep;

“Council” or “Village Council” means a village council established and constituted under the Village Councils Act or any regulations made thereunder;

“goat” includes buck, doe or kid;

“pig” includes sows, shoalts, boars and piglets;

“sheep” includes ram and lamb.

3. These By-laws shall have effect within the limits of any village in Belize.

Application.

**Prohibition.** 4. (1) A person shall not keep an animal within the limits of any village.

(2) Sub-By-law (1) shall not apply to any animal -

(a) secured in the Slaughter House yard for the purpose of slaughter provided that no such animal shall be kept in the Slaughter House yard for more than forty-eight hours or the period allowed by the Village councils (Market and Slaughter House) By-laws whichever shall be the lesser period;

(b) brought into the village by or through the Agricultural Department for an Agricultural Show or any other agricultural purpose, with the written permission of the Chairperson of the Village Council, provided that no animal shall be kept for more than six hours before or after the function.

**Penalty.** 5. Any person who contravenes any of these By-laws commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

**Order to remove animals.** 6. (1) Where any person is convicted under By-law 5, the Court shall order the offender to remove his animals from within the village limits within a period to be specified in the order, which grace period shall not exceed ten days.

(2) If an offender defaults in obeying the order referred to in Sub-By-law (1), the court at a further hearing may impose a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each day of default after the expiry of the grace period.

**Affirmative resolution.** 7. These By-laws shall be subject to the affirmative resolution of the National Assembly.

**MADE** by the Village Councils this 19th day of October,  
2004.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eleanor Sandlin".

(ELEANOR SANDLIN)

*(President)*

*National Association of Village Councils*