



Stock Law: Cattle

- In 1956, the voters of Montgomery County passed an ordinance to restrict the running of cattle “at large” throughout Montgomery County.
- This law remains in effect today, and as such residents of Montgomery County may only allow those animals to roam on land on which they have permission from the landowner.
- Below is the ordinance as voted on by residents and originally passed.

ORDER DECLARING RESULTS

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY §

On this the 17th day of December, 1956, came on to be considered before W. S. Weisinger, County Judge, of Montgomery County, Texas, W. T. Hooper, County Clerk of Montgomery County, Texas, and C. R. McDaniel, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 7 of Montgomery County, said parties hereinafter called Election Board, the returns of an election held in said county on the 15th day of December, 1956, to determine whether or not cattle shall be permitted to run at large in said county.

It appearing to said Election Board that said election was duly and legally held and that notice of said election was duly and legally given.

It further appearing to said Election Board that the returns of said election have been duly and legally made.

It is, therefore, found and declared and so ordered by said Election Board that there were cast at said election 3286 valid and legal votes, of which number there were cast:

FOR THE STOCK LAW..... 2044 votes
AGAINST THE STOCK LAW..... 1242 votes

It is, therefore, found, declared and so ordered by said Election Board that a majority of the freeholders and qualified voters in said County voting at said election voted For¹ said proposition.

This order shall be duly recorded in the Minutes of the Commissioners Court of this county as required by Article 6961 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas.

¹ Insert "for" if election carried. Insert "against" if election failed.

The above order being read, it is moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: W. S. Weisinger, W. T. Hooper, C. R. McDaniel, and the following voted NO: None.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 17th day of December, 1956.

County Judge, Montgomery County, Texas

County Clerk, Montgomery County, Texas

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 7,
Montgomery County, Texas

PROCLAMATION

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY §

Whereas, an election was duly and legally held in Montgomery County, Texas, on the 15th day of December, 1956, to determine whether or not cattle shall be permitted to run at large in said County; and

Whereas the returns of said election were duly and legally made and on the 17th day of December, 1956, the Election Board considered the several returns and canvassed the same and by order duly entered declared that a majority of the freeholders and qualified voters in said County, voting at said election, voted for said proposition;

Now, therefore, I, W. S. Weisinger, in my capacity as County Judge of Montgomery County, Texas, do hereby issue this proclamation declaring the result of said election.

That as found and declared by the above mentioned order of the Election Board there were cast at said election 3286 valid and legal votes, of which number 2044 votes were cast “FOR THE STOCK LAW” and 1242 votes were cast “AGAINST THE STOCK LAW.”

I hereby find and declare that a majority of the freeholders and qualified voters in said County, voting at said election, voted for said proposition and that after the expiration of thirty days from the issuance of this proclamation it shall be unlawful to permit call to run at large in this county.

A copy of this proclamation shall be posted at the courthouse door of this county as provided by law.

ORDERED AND ISSUED, this the 17th day of December, 1956.

Information on the Stock
Law may be obtained at
The Law Library:

Vernon's Texas Codes
Annotated (Black Books)

Agriculture Code – Volume #2
Chapter 142
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