



Stock Law: Horses, Mules, Jacks and Jennets

- In 1953, the voters of Montgomery County passed an ordinance to restrict the running of horses, mules, jacks and jennets “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 12th day of January, 1953, the Commissioners Court of Montgomery County, Texas, convened in regular session at the regular meeting place in the Courthouse in Conroe, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

<u>H. D. Alley, Judge Pro. Tem.,</u>	County Judge,
<u>C. R. Greer,</u>	Commissioner Precinct No. 1,
_____	Commissioner Precinct No. 2,
<u>Guinn Sanders,</u>	Commissioner Precinct No. 3,
<u>T. J. Peel,</u>	Commissioner Precinct No. 4,
<u>Berta F. Besser, Deputy,</u>	County Clerk,

and the following absent: _____,

constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings passed the following order:

There came on to be considered the returns of an election held in said County on the 20th day of December, 1952, to determine whether or not horses, mules, jacks and jennets shall be permitted to run at large in said County, and it appearing that said election was in all respects legally held and that said returns were duly and legally made, and that there were cast at said election 1229 valid and legal votes, of which number there were cast:

FOR THE STOCK LAW	<u>719</u> votes
AGAINST THE STOCK LAW	<u>510</u> votes

IT IS THEREFORE FOUND, DECLARED AND SO ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Montgomery County, Texas, that a majority of the freeholders and qualified voters in said County, voting at said election voted For¹ said proposition.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the court voted AYE: H. D. Alley, C. R. Greer, Guinn Sanders, T. J. Peel, and the following voted NO: _____.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 12th day of January, 1953.

County Judge, Montgomery County, Texas

Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

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

PROCLAMATION

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY §

Whereas, an election was duly and legally held in Montgomery County, Texas, on the 20th day of December, 1952, to determine whether or not horses, mules, jacks and jennets 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 12th day of January, 1953, the Commissioners Court of said County 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, H. D. Alley, Judge Pro. Tem., 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 Commissioners Court of said County there were cast at said election 1229 valid and legal votes of which number 719 votes were cast “FOR THE STOCK LAW” and 510 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 to run at large in this county horses, mules, jacks and jennets.

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

ORDERED AND ISSUED, this the 12th day of January, 1953.

County Judge, Montgomery County, Texas