

TOWN OF WEYMOUTH

IN COUNCIL

ORDER NO. 23 135

DECEMBER 14, 2023

INTRODUCED: MAYOR

RITUAL SLAUGHTER ORDINANCE

Upon request of his Honor, Mayor Hedlund, the Town of Weymouth, through the Weymouth Town Council approved to amend Section 6-700 Non-Domesticated Animals and Domesticated Animals of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances by adding a new subsection in the following manner:

Section 6-700 Non-domesticated Animals and Domesticated Animals, of the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection:

§ 6-706 Ritual Slaughter. In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 94, § 139G, the Town shall not prohibit, abridge or in any way hinder the religious freedom of any person or group, from ritual slaughter and the handling or other preparation of livestock for ritual slaughter. The term "ritual slaughter" means slaughter in accordance with the ritual requirements of the Jewish faith or any other religious faith that prescribes a method of slaughter whereby the animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of the brain caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous severance of the carotid arteries with a sharp instrument. Any practice of ritual slaughter must be sheltered on private property and outside of public view. In order to avoid a public health hazard, all remains of the animal shall be properly stored and/or removed from the property within twenty-four (24) hours from the ritual slaughter of the animal.

Passed in Council – June 3, 2024
Presented to Mayor – June 4, 2024
A True Copy. Attest:


Kathleen A. Deree, Town Clerk

Approved 6/15/24
Date


Mayor

YEAS: Abbott, Burga, Coughlin, DiFazio, Happel, Heffernan,
Kiely, MacDougall, Mathews, Molisse, Shanahan

NAYS: Abbott, Burga, Coughlin, DiFazio, Happel, Heffernan,
Kiely, MacDougall, Mathews, Molisse, Shanahan

ABSENT: DiFazio, Kiely