

_____ TOWNSHIP
_____ COUNTY, MINNESOTA
**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL
BOUNTY IN THE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 348.12, 348.125, and 348.13 authorize towns to offer a bounty for the destruction of gophers, ground squirrels, and coyotes;

WHEREAS, the town board determines gophers, ground squirrels, and coyotes constitute a nuisance to property, particularly property being used for agricultural purposes;

WHEREAS, the town board determines it is in the best interests of the public to establish a bounty to encourage the destruction of gophers, ground squirrels, and coyotes in the township;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of _____ Township establishes a bounty on gophers, ground squirrels, and coyotes in the township to be conducted as follows:

1. The bounty shall only apply to gophers, ground squirrels, and coyotes that were, to the satisfaction of the town board chair, captured and killed within the boundaries of the township.
2. *[optional]* The bounty shall only apply to gophers, ground squirrels, and coyotes killed in the months of _____.
3. To be eligible for collection of the bounty on a gopher, the four feet of striped and gray gophers, and both front feet of pocket gophers must be presented to the town board chair. To be eligible for the collection of the bounty on ground squirrels, _____ must be presented to the town board chair. To be eligible for the collection of the bounty on coyotes, _____ must be presented to the town board chair.
4. The person claiming a bounty must provide the town his or her name, address, and the location of where the animals were killed.
5. The amount of the bounty shall be;
[indicate the amount; if the amount is different depending on the type of animal, set that out here].
6. *[If the bounty is paid by the county, place a statement here about the town issuing a certificate to the county auditor at the end of the month that shows the names of all persons entitled to bounty for the preceding month, the number of each kind of animal killed, and the amount of bounty that each person is entitled to receive.]*
7. *[list any other requirements the board wishes to impose].*

APPENDIX A

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, this resolution shall automatically renew on January 1 of each year, unless amended or repealed by the town board by resolution.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

By the _____ Town Board

Attested to by:

Town Board Chair

Town Clerk