

**ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE
TOWN OF RICHMOND
ENACTED MAY 19, 1990**

DEFINITIONS

Definitions shall be the same as those found in the most recent edition of the State of Maine Animal Welfare Laws, except where specifically noted. All fines assessed will be paid to the Town of Richmond.

ARTICLE 1. Habitually Disturbing Animals

Any owner or keeper of a dog which habitually barks, howls, or habitually creates a disturbance which disturbs the peace of any person, shall be assessed, on the first offense by a fine of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), on the second offense by a fine of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and on the third or subsequent offenses by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Habitual shall mean for the purpose of this Ordinance in excess of one hour.

ARTICLE 2. Animal Impoundment Ordinance

There shall be a handling fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per incident to be paid to the Town of Richmond for any animal reclaimed from ~~the~~ custody. There shall be a handling fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per incident to be paid to the Town of Richmond before any animal can be reclaimed from any place that the Town has chosen to impound dogs or from any place that the Town has chosen to impound dogs and other animals. Fees not paid within ten days shall be doubled.

ARTICLE 3. Dogs Traveling in Packs

The owner of a dog traveling in a pack (pack meaning three (3) or more dogs) shall be assessed a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

ARTICLE 4. Animal Trespass

The owner or keeper of a livestock animal, including dairy, feeding, beef or breeding cattle, horses, sheep, goats, donkeys, swine or domestic fowl, shall be responsible at the owner's or keeper's expense, for removing any livestock animal found trespassing. A fine of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the first offense, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the second offense and One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for the third and subsequent offense in twelve months will be imposed if a livestock animal owned or kept by a person is found trespassing and:

- A. That person fails to remove the livestock animal within six (6) hours after having been personally notified by an animal control officer or law enforcement officer that a livestock animal owned or kept by that person was trespassing; or
- B. A livestock animal of that person had been found trespassing on a prior occasion within the 12 months immediately preceding the present trespass and the owner or keeper had, at that time, been notified by an animal control officer or law enforcement officer of that trespass.

ARTICLE 5. Registration and Identification

A dog which is at least six (6) months old must be licensed by its owner in accordance with State Law. A dog which is at least two (2) months old must wear a collar or harness to which is attached either the dog tag or an identification tag with the owner's name and address or telephone number. A person who violates this Article by permitting his dog to run at large without identification as required by this Article shall be assessed a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the second offense and One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for the third and each subsequent offense in 12 months.

ARTICLE 6. Dogs Which Have Bitten Persons

The owner or keeper of a dog which has bitten a person, providing that the damage was not occasioned through the fault of the person injured, shall be subject to a fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the first offense, and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each subsequent offense.

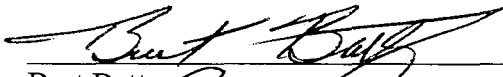
ARTICLE 7. Running At Large After Causing a Nuisance

The owner of a dog which is found running at large who knows or has been advised that the dog has caused a nuisance and has failed to keep the dog on his premises or under his control or under the control of a person charged with that responsibility shall, , be assessed a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the second offense and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each subsequent offense in twelve months.

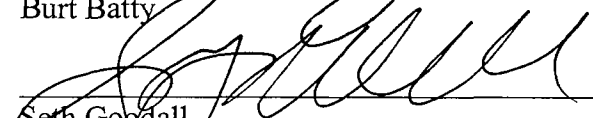
ARTICLE 8. Additional Penalties

In addition to the above penalties, the Town will be reimbursed for all reasonable costs and attorney's fees.

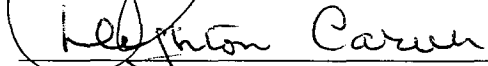
CERTIFIED BY THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND ON
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