

TOWN OF
WESTON, VERMONT
05161

DOG ORDINANCE

IN ACCORDANCE TO ARTICLE 9 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1983,
THE FOLLOWING DOG ORDINANCE IS ENACTED FOR THE VILLAGE OF WESTON

The Selectmen of the Town of Weston, pursuant to the provisions of 20 V.S.A. 3549, hereby enact this ordinance to regulate the keeping of dogs and their running at large within the village limits of Weston.

SECTION 1 - VILLAGE LIMITS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

Starting at the Northwest cornerpost of the Maple Grove Cemetery on the Chester-Andover Road (Town Highway #1); West to the North boundary of the Fire Department on VT Route 100; West to the intersection of Lawrence Hill Road and Moses Pond Road; South, crossing the Trout Club Road in a straight line to the intersection of Morgan Hill Road and Landgrove Road; Southeasterly, crossing VT Route 100 in a straight line to the top of Piper Hill on Piper Hill Road; North to the Northwest corner of the Maple Grove Cemetery to include all residences on Markham Lane.

SECTION 2 - DISTURBANCE

No person shall keep or harbor any dog which habitually howls and barks so as to disturb the peace within the village limits. One warning or complaint prior to citation shall be prima facie evidence of habitual activity.

SECTION 3 - CONFINEMENT:

The owner or keeper of any dog kept or brought within the village limits shall confine the dog within lands owned or controlled by them, and shall not take or allow such dog to leave such lands unless such dog is controlled by a leash of less than eight (8) feet long.

SECTION 4 - IMPOUNDMENT:

- a. Dogs found running at large within the village limits may be impounded in a humane manner.
- b. Dogs may be impounded only; by a constable, pound-keeper, or other law enforcement officer.

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Section 4 - Impoundment continued

- c. The Pound-keeper or law enforcement officer shall notify the owner, if known, in writing by certified mail at their last known address within a reasonable time after impoundment.
- d. If a dog has not been reclaimed by its owner within seven (7) days of notice of impoundment, it may be disposed of in a humane manner.
- e. Owners or keepers may retrieve their dogs from the Pound-keeper after paying an impoundment fee of \$25.00 per dog, plus a boarding fee of \$6.00 per day.
- f. Owners shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Town caused by violations of this ordinance.

SECTION 5 - PENALTIES:

The penalty for violation of Sections 2, 3 or 4 of this ordinance shall be a fine of \$25.00 per occurrence, per dog.

SECTION 6 - NUISANCE:

Violation of Sections 2, 3 or 4 of this ordinance by a dog or by the owner or keeper of any dog three (3) times within any 30-day period is declared to be a public nuisance. The dog shall be treated as an unlicensed dog, pursuant to 20 V.S.A. 3621.

Received for Record and
Recorded June 14, 1983
Gilbert Spaulding
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Town Clerk

William W. Simonds

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BOARD OF SELECIMEN, TOWN OF WESTON

(Unless a petition is filed in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Sec. 1973, this amendment will become effective August 14, 1983.)