

## Ordinance for the Control of Dogs

### 1. Definitions:

Terms, as used in this Ordinance, shall have the following meaning unless the conduct indicates otherwise:

A. DOG - shall be intended to mean male and/or female canines;

B. OWNER - shall mean for the purpose of this Ordinance any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog;

C. At Large - shall mean off the premises of the owner, for any cause or reason, and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog.

### 2. Animal Control Officer:

A. Upon complaint, or on his own the animal control officer shall seize and dog running at large and return it to the owner on the first offense, giving the owner a warning. If the owner cannot be located the dog shall be taken to Sherman's Veterinary Service. If the dog is unlicensed, he shall direct the owner to license the dog within 7 days and pay an extra \$4.00 fee. After the first occasion and warning and upon conviction of an subsequent violations within a period of six months from such warning shall be subject to a fine in accordance with Section 7..

B. The Animal Control Officer shall receive \$5.00 for each dog returned to the owner and \$10.00 for dogs delivered to Sherman's Veterinary Service. A request to Sherman's will be made to notify the animal control officer or Town Office, if the owner claims the dog, so the animal control officer can issue a summons as maybe required, for collection of fee for impoundment.

C. The Animal Control Officer shall be appointed yearly, with any limitations as required.

### 3. Barking or Howling Dogs:

No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog which by loud and unreasonably frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping shall disturb the peace or tranquility of any person or persons. Any person who shall violat e the provisions of this section shall upon the first occasion thereof be given a warning and shall upon conviction of any subsequent violation within a period of six months from such warning be subject to a fine in accordance with Section 7.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, no testimony of prior

alleged violations shall be deemed inadmissible if offered to establish a pattern of loud and unreasonable frequent and habitual barking, howling, or yelping, if said alleged violation occurred within seven days (7) prior to the date of the alleged in the complaint before the Court and subsequent to the warning herein required.

4. Licensing:

Dogs shall be licensed in accordance with the State of Maine Statutes.

5. Running At Large:

It shall be unlawful for any dog, licensed or unlicensed, to run at large, except when used for hunting. Dogs running at large shall fall under the requirements of Title 7, Section 3455, as defined and/or amended.

6. Enforcement:

It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer or Piscataquis County Sheriff's Officer to enforce all the provisions of this Ordinance. If it becomes necessary to issue Court Summons, the Animal Control Officer shall receive \$4.00 per hour for court time, plus .20 cents per mile, as incurred. No court summons to be issued except upon review by Municipal Officers.

7. Penalties:

Any owner violating any provisions of the Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil violation and upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00. All fines so assessed shall be recovered for the use of the Town of Sangerville through District Court.

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