

Ordinance 08-002
Enacted November 13, 2008

Town of Washington
Dog Control Ordinance

Pursuant to the authority of RSA 47:17 XI at the Selectmen of the Town of Washington at a duly called meeting of the Board, unanimously enacted the following Ordinance for restraining of dogs.

1. It shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, for guarding, working, or herding livestock, as defined in RSA 21:34-a, II (a)(4), for supervised competition and exhibition, or for training for such. For purpose of this section, "accompanied" means that the owner or custodian must be able to see or hear, or both, or have reasonable knowledge of where the dog is hunting, where training is being conducted, where trails are being held, or where the dog is guarding, working, or herding livestock. Nothing herein provided shall mean that the dog must be within sight at all times.
2. In this section, "at large" means off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog, unless accompanied by the owner or custodian.
3. Any authorized person may seize, impound or restrain any dog in violation of this section and deliver said dog to a person or shelter authorized to board dogs. Such dogs shall be handled as strays or abandoned dogs pursuant to applicable laws.
4. In addition to impounding a dog found at large or in violation of this section, any local law enforcement officer may issue, in the name of the owner or keeper of such dog, a notice of violation for a nuisance dog pursuant to RSA466:31,II(a).

Any person found guilty of violating any part of the Ordinance herein set forth shall be deemed guilty of a violation and punished according to State of New Hampshire RSA 31:31III with a \$50.00 fine for the first offense and any subsequent offenses \$100.00. The owner or keeper will also be responsible for applicable boarding fees.

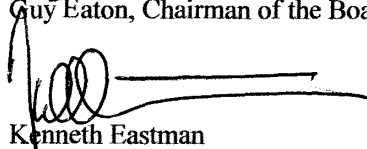
EFFECTIVE DATE:

1. This Ordinance will take effect immediately upon its adoption by the majority vote of the Board of Selectmen including a certified filing thereof with the Town Clerk

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Guy Eaton, Chairman of the Board

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Kenneth Eastman

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Richard Cook