

# TOWN OF MONSON

## ORDINANCE RESTRICTING

### THE CONDUCT OF DOGS

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

Terms, as used in the Ordinance, shall have the following meaning, unless the context indicates otherwise.

1. DOG shall be intended to mean both male and female canines.
2. OWNER means any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.

#### **A. BARKING OR HOWLING DOGS.**

It shall be unlawful for any owner of or any person harboring any dog in the Town of Monson to permit or allow such dog to engage in habitual loud howling or barking or to conduct itself in such a manner so as to disturb the peace of any person other than the owner or owners harboring such dog.

#### **B. \* CANINE WASTE CONTROL.**

It shall be a violation of this division for any person who owns, possesses or controls a dog and fails to remove and dispose of properly, any feces left by their dog within 50 feet of any sidewalk, street, park or publicly owned property.

#### **C. \*EXEMPTION.**

This ordinance shall not apply to a dog accompanying any handicapped person who, by reason of their handicap, is physically unable to comply with the requirements of this ordinance.

#### **D. ENFORCEMENT.**

Any person who observes a dog acting in violation of this ordinance may file a written complaint with a Municipal Police Officer or Animal Control Officer specifying the objectionable conduct of the dog, the date and time thereof, a description of the dog, and name and residence, if known, of the owner or other person harboring said dog. In the event that another complaint of such nature is received by the Animal Control Officer concerning the same animal within on (1) month from the date of the initial Complaint, the Animal Control Officer shall cause a complaint to be filed before any District Court in the County where such owner or keeper resides. It shall be the duty of all Animal Control Officers to enforce the provisions of the ordinance.

#### **E. PENALTY**

Upon complaint before any District Court in the County where such owner or keeper resides, and person found violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil violation and punishable by a fine of \$25.00 for each first offense, \$50.00 for a second offense and \$50.00 for each subsequent offense. All fines so assessed shall be recovered for the use of the Town of Monson through the District Court.

\*Amendment.