

## **CHAPTER XXIX – Dogs**

### **SECTION I - AUTHORITY**

- A. The enabling legislation is [RSA 39:31](#), and Title I – General Code, Chapter XXIX.

### **SECTION II – RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED**

- A. No owner, possessor, controller, or keeper of any dog shall permit such dog, whether licensed or unlicensed to run at large within the Town of Londonderry at any time.
- B. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, no person shall be compelled to keep any dog in his possession on a leash while in or upon any public street, alley, park, parkway, cemetery, town forest, trail-way or other public place in the Town of Londonderry, if the dog is securely confined in an vehicle.
- C. Notwithstanding any definition to the contrary, a dog shall be deemed “at large” if the dog is in, on, or being walked upon, a public street, park, parkway, cemetery, town forest, trail-way or other public place in the Town of Londonderry, or a public street, sidewalk or right-of-way adjacent to a public place and is not secured by a leash or chain or within a carrier which is in the possession of a person of sufficient strength and age to effectively restrain the dog.

### **SECTION III – DOG FOULING PROHIBITION**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, possessing, or controlling a dog on street, park, parkway, cemetery, town forest, trail-way or other public place in the Town of Londonderry, any public street, sidewalk or right-of-way adjacent to a public place, or on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person to:
- i. Fail to remove and dispose of any feces left by the dog in or on such public or private property.

### **SECTION IV – NOISE REGULATION**

- A. It shall be unlawful to keep any animal, including a bird, in a manner that causes frequent or long continued noise that disturbs the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

### **SECTION V – ENFORCEMENT**

- A. The Londonderry Animal Control Officer and/or the Londonderry Police Department may seize, impound or restrain any dog in violation of this chapter, and deliver said dog to an authorized boarding shelter for dogs. Such dogs shall be handled as strays or abandoned dogs pursuant to applicable laws.

**SECTION VI – VIOLATION AND PENALTIES**

- A. In addition to impounding a dog found at large or in violation of this chapter, the Londonderry Animal Control officer and/or Londonderry Police Department may issue in the name of the owner, possessor, controller, or keeper of such dog a notice of violation. Such notice shall impose upon the owner, possessor, controller, or keeper of such a dog a forfeiture of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) which must be paid to the Londonderry Town Clerk within 96 hours of the date and time notice is given, in full satisfaction of the assessed penalty. In the event that such penalty is not paid to the Londonderry Town Clerk within the time limitation specified, a summons shall be issued for appearance in Derry District Court, and any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation.

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