

Village of Hyde Park Dog Control Ordinance

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Hyde Park hereby ordains:

Section I - Authority

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to 24 VSA, Section 2291 (10). It shall constitute a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 VSA Chapter 59.

Section II - Purpose

The Trustees of the Village of Hyde Park, being Mindful of the fact that dogs running loose are a danger to young children, also are a source of annoyance and concern to citizens who walk along the streets, and are a definite source of resentment on the part of homeowners who have to clean up excrement left by said dogs, do hereby ordain that a health hazard is created in the confines of said Village and in the best interest of health and safety of all citizens, the control of dogs within the limits of the Village shall be as set hereinafter set forth.

Section III - Definitions

Unless the context otherwise indicates, as used in this ordinance:

- A. "Control" shall mean to hold back, keep down, restrain.
- B. "Dog" shall mean a domesticated carnivorous animal kept as a pet or for hunting.
- C. "Excrement" shall mean waste matter disposed of from the bowels.
- D. "Leash" shall mean a strap, chain etc. for holding a dog or other animal in check.
- E. "Restraint" shall mean to hold back, keep down, keep within limits, confine.

Section IV - Dog Control Requirements

1. DOGS, LEASHING OR RESTRAINT REQUIRED

An owner or person otherwise in control of a dog or dogs within the Village limits shall be responsible to ensure that the animal is under control by a leash attached to a collar or harness, whenever said dog or dogs are outside the property boundaries of the owner or other person having control of said dog or dogs.

2. HEALTH HAZARD, ELIMINATION OF

It shall be unlawful for an owner or other person having control of said dog or dogs to allow same to deposit excrement upon the property of another citizen of the Village, or upon public highways or walkways.

Section V - Exemptions - Acts Authorized by Statute

This ordinance shall not apply to the use of dogs by police officers, sheriffs, constables, game wardens and other statutorily designated law enforcement officers in the performance of their legal duties.

Section VI - Enforcement

Enforcement of this ordinance shall be effected as provided in the TOWN of HDYE PARK DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE, as filed on April 6, 1977, as to impoundment of dogs, notice of impoundment, redemption of impounded dogs by the Town Dog Control Officer,

Town Constable or other Law Enforcement Officer having authority to issue citations for violations of the above ordinance.

Section VII - Fines for Ordinance Violation

An issuing municipal official is authorized to recover fines in the following amounts for each violation of this ordinance:

First Offense -	\$ 50.00
Second Offense -	\$100.00
Third Offense -	\$200.00
Fourth Offense -	\$400.00
Fifth Offense -	\$500.00

Offenses shall be counted on a 12 month basis beginning with the date of the first offense.

Section VIII - Severability

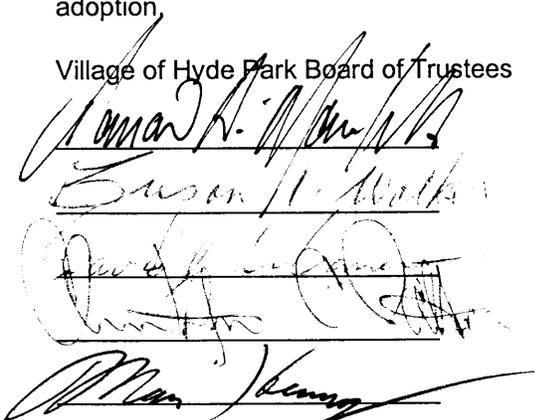
If any portion of this Ordinance and any amendments made hereto are held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance and amendments made hereto shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect. If any statute referred to in this Ordinance shall be amended, this ordinance shall be deemed to refer to such amended statute.

Section IX - Repeal of Prior Ordinances

Any other ordinance or regulation heretofore adopted by the Village of Hyde Park for Dog Control is hereby repealed.

This Dog Control Ordinance is hereby adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Hyde Park, County of Lamoille, State of Vermont this 13th day of August 1998 at a regularly held and duly warned meeting of the Trustees, voted and recorded in the minutes of said meeting. This ordinance shall be effective sixty (60) days from said date of adoption.

Village of Hyde Park Board of Trustees

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Received and recorded this 13th day of August, 1998


Crystal L Currier, Village Clerk