

TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR

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Town of Winter Harbor Animal Waste Control Ordinance

SECTION 101: PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to require all animals in the Town of Winter Harbor to be cared for by their owner or keeper at all times so that they will not damage property or create a public health threat.

SECTION 102: DEFINITIONS

Animal-Dog: Any of large and varied groups of domesticated animals in the canine family, for the purpose of this ordinance.

SECTION 103: AUTHORITY

This ordinance is prepared and adopted pursuant to the authority granted under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, Article VIII-A and the Home Rule provisions of Title 30, MRSA, Section 3001, as amended, and in accordance with the goals and policies as stipulated by the Comprehensive Planning process of the Town of Winter Harbor.

SECTION 104: CONTROL OF ANIMAL WASTE

An owner must remove and dispose of any feces left by his/her animal on any sidewalk, street, beach, public property, or private property (other than the property of the owner of the animal or of a person who has consented to the presence of the animal on his or her property) and deposit such feces into appropriate litter receptacle on owner's property. An owner whose animal is present on any property from which the animal's feces is required to be removed pursuant to this section must have in his or her possession a plastic bag or similar container for collecting and removing the feces. This regulation shall not apply to any person who, by reason of physical handicap, is unable to comply with the requirement.

SECTION 105: FEE

An owner failing to remove animal feces may be fined \$25 per occurrence.

An owner failing to have appropriate container for feces removal may be fined \$20 per occurrence.

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SECTION 106: ENFORCEMENT

The Winter Harbor Police Department shall be responsible for handling all violations of this ordinance.

Ordinance adopted and accepted on February 27, 2013.

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