

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD ADOPTION OF A DOG ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Town of Fairfield Vermont, that on October, 15, 2024, the Selectboard adopted a Dog Ordinance under the authority of 20 V.S.A. § 3549 and 24 V.S.A. §§2291(10), (14), and (15). The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the keeping of Dogs in the Town of Fairfield and to provide for their licensing, leashing, muzzling, restraint, impoundment, and destruction to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the Town and the quiet enjoyment of its residents' homes and properties. This constitutes a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59. The Dog Ordinance shall become effective December 14, 2024, unless a petition is presented to the Selectboard or Town Clerk before December 2, 2024, signed by not less than 5% of the qualified voters of the Town, requesting that the adopted Dog Ordinance be submitted to the voters of the Town at an annual or special meeting. The Ordinance contains the following sections:

1. Purpose and Authority
2. Definitions
3. Collar and License
4. Neglected Dogs
5. Nuisance Dogs
6. Vicious Dogs
7. Impoundment
8. Civil Penalty; Other Enforcement
9. Other Laws
10. Severability
11. Effective Date

The Ordinance in its entirety can be viewed below. It is also available for inspection at the Fairfield Town Clerk's Office, 25 North Rd., Fairfield, VT during regular office hours. Questions regarding the Ordinance may be directed to Cathy Ainsworth, Town Administrator, by emailing townadmin@fairfieldvermont.us or by calling (802) 827-3261.

Dated this 15th Day of October, 2024

FAIRFIELD SELECTBOARD

Tom Howrigan, Chair
Gavin Ryan
Ron Bocash
Brian Dubie
David Persons

This ordinance is posted at the Fairfield Town Office, Fairfield Post Office, Bent Northrop Memorial Library, Fairfield Community Center and Stone's Shell Station in East Fairfield.