

TOWN OF MILFORD BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 15A

DOG CONTROL LAW

(Excerpts Pertinent to the Milford Upper Charles Trail)

Section 3 (Restraint of dogs) - No person owning or harboring a dog shall suffer or allow it to run at large in any of the streets or public places in the Town of Milford or allow it upon the premises of anyone other than the owner or keeper of such dog without the permission of the owner or occupant of such premises. No dog shall be permitted in any street or public place within the Town of Milford unless it is effectively restrained by a chain or leash not exceeding 10 feet in length. In no event shall any dog, leashed or unleashed, be permitted upon any school yards, cemeteries, playing fields or public parks.

Any owner or keeper of a dog who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this Section 3 shall be punished as follows:

First Offense.....	\$15.00
Second Offense.....	25.00
Presence on public property.....	50.00
Any offense, unaltered males, unspayed females.....	50.00

Section 3A (License and Tags) - Any owner or keeper of a dog three months of age or older shall by April 1, cause the dog to be registered, numbered, described and licensed with the Town Clerk in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 140, as amended. The license shall be valid until the following March 31. The fee for such license shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Unspayed females and unaltered males.....	\$25.00
Spayed females and altered males.....	6.00
Late fee for failure to license by July 1.....	10.00

Section 3B (Removal and Disposal of Canine Waste).

- (a) No person owning or harboring or having custody or control of a dog shall suffer, permit or allow such dog to commit any nuisance or allow such dog to defecate on any public property including but not limited to parks, ball fields or within any public right-of-way, including streets, sidewalks or curbs, without immediately removing such fecal matter and transporting it to a suitable disposal facility or to their own property for burial or disposal via a sanitary sewer system.

- (b) This section shall not apply to a Service Dog accompanying any handicapped person nor shall it apply to any dog when the dog is actually engaged in the sport of hunting in authorized areas and supervised by a competent person.
- (c) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined \$25.00.