

## Dog Regulations by order of the Select Board of the Town of Mount Washington, MA

### A. Annual Dog License Required.

Any person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog six months of age or older which is not duly licensed by the Town shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed by the towns licensing authority. The license shall be granted upon the condition that the dog shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing, or harassing livestock or fowl. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall keep affixed around the dogs neck or body, a collar or harness to which a tag containing the information required by Massachusetts General Law shall be securely attached. Fines as per M.G.L. c. 140 §141 shall be enforced.

### B. Rabies Vaccination.

The owner or keeper of any dog six months old or older shall cause such dog to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian using a vaccine approved by the Department of Public Health. Such owner or keeper shall procure a veterinarian's certification, stating that such dog has been so vaccinated and setting forth the date of such vaccination, an expiration date of immunity and a metal rabies tag. A rabies tag shall be worn in the same manner as a dog license. Fines as per M.G.L. 140 §145B shall be enforced.

### C. Leash Law.

(a). No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit such dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large within the Town of Mount Washington. No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit such dog to run at large in any roadway, public place or town-owned land, nor permit it to go upon a road, public place or town-owned land unless it is effectively restrained by a leash not exceeding (10') in length. No person shall permit a dog owned or kept by him beyond the confines of the property of the owner, tenant or keeper unless such dog is on a leash and under physical control of said owner or keeper.

(b). This order shall not apply to private property for which the owner or keeper of a dog has permission to have such dog off-leash, provided the dog is under the direct supervision of a person who has the ability to properly control the dog's actions.

(c). This section shall not apply to dogs legally engaged in the act of hunting game or engaged in training to hunt game. The owner or keeper shall however keep such dogs under his or her reasonable control at all time. This exception shall only be in effect for such dogs so engaged while on public land where hunting with dogs is permitted or on private land with permission of the landowner.

(d). Any dog found to run at large beyond the confines of the property of the owner, tenant or keeper, or is not effectively restrained by leash on a roadway, public place or town-owned land in the Town of Mount Washington or any private land an owner or keeper does not have permission to have such dog off leash, shall be subject to a fine as per M.G.L. 40 §21D.

(e). This order shall not apply to property owned and/or controlled by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts where a separate set of rules and regulations apply.

### D. Cleaning Up After Dogs.

Any owner or keeper of any dog shall promptly clean up any feces left by any dog on the property of another or on town/public lands. Fines as per M.G.L. 40 §21D shall be enforced.

### E. Enforcement and Fines

The Animal Control Officer or other designated official shall enforce all provisions of this Order and M.G.L. 40 § 21D, as contained in Chapter 1 Article II of the General Bylaw of the Town of Mount Washington.

The Animal Control Officer shall enforce all applicable sections of M.G.L. c. 140. Except as specifically modified in this article, the provisions of the applicable sections of MGL c. 140 shall be incorporated into and apply to this article, as well as any other section of Massachusetts

General Law referenced herein and M.G.L. 40 § 21D, as contained in Chapter 1 Article II of the General Bylaw of the Town of Mount Washington.  
Fines shall be assessed according to the Fees and Fine Schedule as posted by the Town Clerk.

Fine Schedule for Violation of the Dog Regulations Order

Failure to license a dog and/or failure to vaccinate against rabies pursuant to M.G.L. 140 §137.

First Violation: \$50

Second Violation \$100

Failure to keep a dog from running at large, or effectively restrain by leash such dog on a roadway, public place/town owned land in the Town of Mount Washington or any private land an owner or keeper does not have permission to have such dog off leash and/or failure to clean up after a dog.

First Violation: Warning

Second Violation: \$25

Third Violation: \$50

Fourth Violation: Hearing before the Select Board