

ORDINANCE # 314

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE CONTROL OF DOGS, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY WITHIN THE TOWN OF VERNON” AMENDING ORDINANCE #233 ENTITLED “ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE CONTROL OF DOGS WITHIN THE TOWN OF VERNON” AND ORDINANCE #232 ENTITLED “ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE REMOVAL OF DOG FECES WITHIN THE TOWN”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Vernon that Ordinance #232 and #233 are hereby amended as follows:

Sections 8-121 through 8-123 which now read:

Section 8-121 – Definitions.

Dog shall mean any member of the canine species, male, female, neutered male or spayed female.

Owner shall mean any person or persons, firm, association, partnership, LLC or corporation possessing, keeping or having custody of a dog.

At large shall mean off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner by a leash, cord or chain.

Section 8-122 - Running at large prohibited at properties owned by the Town of Vernon and/or operated by the Vernon Board of Education and Parks and Recreation Department.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any owner of any dog to allow such dog to be at large within any property owned by the town and/or operated by the town board of education, or any property owned by the town and/or operated by the town parks and recreation department with the exception of any property which the town council may designate as an area for dogs to be at large.

(b) The provisions of this article shall not apply to dogs owned or controlled by government law enforcement agencies or organized fire departments or persons authorized by said agencies or departments to engage in search and rescue activity or training for such activity.

(c) Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each violation.

(d) This section shall be reviewed by the town council two (2) years from its effective date, and at such time the town council may amend or repeal this section if it so chooses.

Sec. 8-123. - Removal of feces.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, walking or in control of any dog to allow or permit such animal to defecate upon any private property owned by another person, condominium common elements, street, sidewalk, gutter or other public area unless such person shall remove all feces so deposited by such animal before leaving the immediate premises.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who is blind or deaf, walking or in control of a guide dog licensed pursuant to General Statutes section 22-345, or by any person who is physically unable to remove said feces.

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(e) This section shall be reviewed by the town council two (2) years from its effective date, and at such time the town council may amend or repeal this section if it so chooses.

Are hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 8-121 – Definitions.

At large shall mean off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner by a leash, cord or chain.

Dog shall mean any member of the canine species, male, female, neutered male or spayed female.

Livestock shall mean any camelid or hooved animal raised for domestic or commercial use.

Poultry shall mean any species of domestic fowl, including, but not limited to, chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl and game birds raised for domestic or commercial use.

Owner shall mean any person or persons, firm, association, partnership, LLC or corporation possessing, keeping or having custody of a dog, livestock or poultry.

Section 8-122 - Running at large prohibited on property of another or properties owned by the Town of Vernon and/or operated by the Vernon Board of Education and Parks and Recreation Department.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any owner of any dog to allow a dog to be at large or otherwise on the property of another without the permission of the owner or occupant of said property. It shall be unlawful for any owner of any dog to allow a dog to be at large on any property owned by the town and/or operated by the town board of education, or any property owned by the town and/or operated by the town parks and recreation department with the exception of any property which the town council may designate as an area for dogs to be at large.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any owner of livestock or poultry to allow livestock or poultry to be at large or otherwise on the property of another without the permission of the owner or occupant of said property. It shall be unlawful for any owner of any livestock or poultry to allow livestock or poultry to be at large on any property owned by the town and/or operated by the town board of education, or any property owned by the town and/or operated by the town parks and recreation department. At all times, livestock and poultry shall be kept on the premises belonging to, or occupied by, the owner via leash, enclosure, fence, shelter, or other means, unless attended by or under the control of the owner/keeper.

(c) The provisions of this article shall not apply to dogs owned or controlled by government law enforcement agencies or organized fire departments or persons authorized by said agencies or departments to engage in search and rescue activity or training for such activity.

(d) *Penalties for offenses.* Any owner violating any provision of this article shall be

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fined in accordance with Section 1-9 of this Code of Ordinances. Each day that any such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. The imposition of any fine hereunder shall not prevent the enforced abatement of any unlawful condition by the Town.

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(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who is blind or deaf, walking or in control of a guide dog licensed pursuant to General Statutes section 22-345, or by any person who is physically unable to remove said feces.

(c) The provisions of this article shall not apply to dogs owned or controlled by government law enforcement agencies or organized fire departments or persons authorized by said agencies or departments to engage in search and rescue activity or training for such activity.

(d) *Penalties for offenses.* Any owner violating any provision of this article shall be fined in accordance with Section 1-9 of this Code of Ordinances. Each day that any such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. The imposition of any fine hereunder shall not prevent the enforced abatement of any unlawful condition by the Town.

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