

ORDINANCE NUMBER O-2022-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GREENE COUNTY CODE SECTION 14-61 (DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE) TO UPDATE THE PENALTY TO MATCH STATE CODE

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 3.2-6538 states that a local government may prohibit dogs from running at large, with the exception of hunting dogs; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Code Section 3.2-6538 states that the locality may assess a penalty in the form of a civil fine, not to exceed \$100 per dog; and

WHEREAS, Greene County Ordinance Section 14-61 does prohibit dogs from running at large; and

WHEREAS, the current Ordinance assesses the penalty as a class 4 misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County finds it in the best interest of citizens for the local ordinance to be in compliance with the state code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, Virginia that the Greene County Code Section 14-61 is hereby amended and enacted as follows:

Sec. 14-61. Running at large.

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow such dog to run at large, at any time, within the County, even though the dog is both lawfully licensed and vaccinated.

(b) For the purposes of this division, a dog shall be deemed to run at large while roaming, running or self-hunting off the property of its owner or custodian and not under the owners' or custodian's immediate control. However, a dog shall not be considered at large if, during the hunting season, it is on a bona fide hunt in the company of a licensed hunter or during field trails or training periods when accompanied by its owner.

(c) Any person who permits his dog or a dog under his control to run at large shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this section.

(d) Any person violating this section shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount of \$100 per dog. Any civil penalty collected pursuant to this ordinance shall be deposited by the treasurer pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code § 3.2-6534.

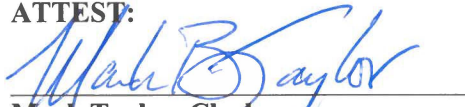
This amendment shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON MAY 24, 2022.



**Marie Durrer, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors**

ATTEST:


**Mark Taylor, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors**

Motion: Steve Bowman

Second: Dale Herring

Recorded Vote:

Steve Bowman	<u>Yes</u>
Marie Durrer	<u>Yes</u>
Abbey Heflin	<u>Yes</u>
Dale Herring	<u>Yes</u>
Davis Lamb	<u>Yes</u>