

TOWN OF CHAPMAN
BARKING DOG ORDINANCE

Section I

The purpose of the ordinance is to provide adequate control over disturbances caused by barking dogs.

Section II

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §3001 and Title 7 M.R.S.A. §3950.

Section III

This ordinance shall apply to all owners or keepers having custody of any dog kept within the legal limits of the Town of Chapman.

Section IV

No owner or keeper having custody of any dog kept within the legal limits of the Town of Chapman shall allow such dog to unnecessarily annoy or disturb any person by continued or repeated barking or other loud or unusual noises.

Upon written complaint by the person disturbed, signed and sworn to, any duly qualified law enforcement official or Animal Control Officer may investigate and may give written notice to the owner or keeper of such dog that such annoyance or disturbance must cease. The warning shall be made part of the complaint.

Thereafter, upon continuance of such annoyance or disturbance, such owner shall be guilty of a civil violation and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense. Each additional conviction after the first conviction shall be punished by a fine of \$75.00. All fines assessed shall be recovered for the use of the Town of Chapman through the District Court of Maine.

Section V

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Animal Control Officer as appointed by the Municipal Officers and in accordance with the applicable State of Maine law or any qualified law enforcement official.

Section VI

This ordinance may be amended by the vote of the legislative body.

Section VII

This ordinance shall become effective on the date of adoption.

Section VIII

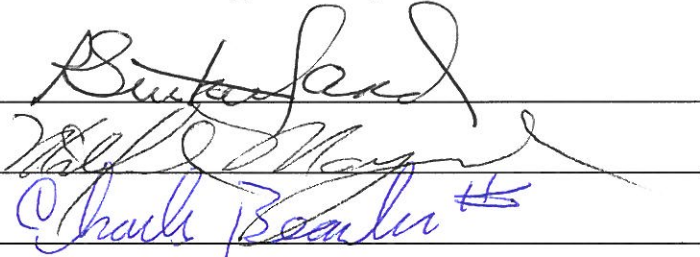
If the provisions of this ordinance conflict with statutory provisions and regulations found in the State of Maine Animal Welfare Laws, the State of Maine laws shall supersede.

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Chapman, Maine:

We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text of an ordinance entitled "Barking Dog Ordinance for the Town of Chapman, Maine" which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on March 22, 2016.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §3002(2), you will retain this copy of the complete text of the ordinance as a public record and make other copies available for distribution to the voters, and you will ensure that copies are available at the town meeting on the day of the vote.

Dated: February 3, 2016.



Town of Chapman Select Board Members

Approved at Chapman Town Meeting on March 28, 2016.



Jon R. Frederick, Town Manager