

TOWN OF MAPLETON
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 30A M.R.S.A. section 3001 and Title 7 M.R.S.A. section 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 Mapleton.

Section IV

No Owner or keeper having custody of any dog kept within the legal limits of the Town of Mapleton 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 Mapleton 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 applicable State of Maine law or any qualified law enforcement official.

Section VI

This ordinance may be amended by 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.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Mapleton hereby certify this ordinance as a true copy and request the Town Clerk to file said copy with the town records.

Bonnie L. Steenes
Richard A. Hefner
Wayne Keightley
Anna P. ...
Greg ...
Selectmen Town of Mapleton

ATTEST: A true copy of an ordinance entitled "Town of Mapleton Barking Dog Ordinance" as certified to me by the municipal officers of Mapleton on the 20th day of MARCH, 19-2000

Signed. John J. Edmonds
Town Clerk of Mapleton