



Town of Mansfield
Code of Ordinances
“Ordinance Regarding Dog Waste Control”
Approved January 11, 2016
Effective

Chapter 102. Animals

Article II [New] Dogs

Section 102-13. Title.

This Article shall be known and may be cited as “The Dog Waste Control ordinance.”

Section 102-14. Legislative Authority.

This Article is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Sections 7-148 and 7-152c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 102-15. Definitions.

When used in this Article, the following words, terms and phrases, and their derivations shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the content clearly indicates a different meaning.

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 having temporary or permanent custody of, sheltering or having charge of, harboring, exercising control over, or having property rights to a dog, or in the case of a person under the age of 18, the person's parent or legal guardian. A dog shall be deemed to be harbored if it is fed or sheltered for Three (3) consecutive days.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: shall mean public areas in the Storrs Center Special Design District, and sidewalks, recreation fields, playing fields, school grounds and playgrounds owned, leased or maintained by the Town.

Section 102-16. Removal of Dog Waste.

If any dog shall defecate on any Public Property, the owner of such dog shall immediately use a plastic bag or other suitable container to remove or cause to be removed from the property all feces deposited by the dog and deposit it in an appropriate waste receptacle. If such feces are not removed or so deposited, the owner of the dog shall be in violation of this Article.

Section 102-17. Penalty.

- A. The Town Manager may designate in writing one or more Town officials, employees or agents empowered to take enforcement action authorized by this Article.

- B. Any violation of this Article shall be punishable by a fine of \$50. The citation issued to the offender shall note that if the fine is not paid within 10 days of issuance of the citation the amount of the fine will be doubled and that the Town may initiate proceedings under the authority of C.G.S. section 7-152c and Chapter 129 of this Code of Ordinances to collect the fine. The alleged offender must also be informed that they may appeal the citation and fine pursuant to section 129-10 of the Hearing Procedure for Citations Ordinance.

Section 102-18. Guide Dogs Exempted.

The provisions of this Article do not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind person or mobility impaired person.