

TOWN OF MILO

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**Responsible Animal Owner Ordinance**

**Section 1. Title, Authority, Purpose, and Definition**

**A. Title**

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Responsible Animal Owner Ordinance of the Town of Milo, Maine, and will be hereinafter referenced to as the "Ordinance".

**B. Authority**

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Title 30-A, MSRA Section 3001 (Home Rule)

**C. Purposes**

The purposes of this ordinance are:

1. To protect the citizens/taxpayers of Milo from potential injuries and/or liabilities due to an unleashed dog/pet.
2. To protect property owners from property damages due to dogs at large or pets that are unrestrained.
3. To promote the health, safety, and general welfare of Milo residents/taxpayers.

**D. Definitions**

**At Large:** "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person whose personal presence and attention would reasonably control the conduct of the animal.

**Costs:** Expenses incurred as a result of any damages due to a dog at large.

**Fault:** The individual indicated of wrong doing as contained in a police incident report.

**Individual:** Any person, corporation, partnership, firm, organization, or other legal entity.

**Resident of the Town of Milo:** Any individual domiciled in the Town of Milo as of the date that the incident occurred and/or services were offered and or rendered.

**Taxpayer:** One that pays taxes or is subject to taxation.

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### **Section 2: Availability, Conflicts, Affective Date and Amendments:**

#### **A. Responsibility**

1. All dogs must be on leash, cord or chain, not longer than ten (10) feet, held by a person physically able to control the dog, during any activity or event in or on a Town owned property. It is a violation of the Ordinance to allow a pet to disturb, harass or interfere with any Town employee or park visitor or to damage any Town property or park visitor's property.
2. Any animal owner, whose animal destroys or damages any improved areas such as landscaping, fields, trails or equipment shall be responsible for damage caused by the animal.
3. It is considered a violation of the ordinance for any person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to fail to dispose of any feces left by his/her dog on any improved park, trail, public lands, sidewalk or street. Disposal of dog feces must be off park property or public lands. Filled dog bags should not be disposed of in public portable toilets. Violations may be subject to fines: A minimum fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense and \$250 for any subsequent offense.

### **Section 3: Enforcement and Collections**

#### **A. Enforcement Bodies and Agents**

1. The Municipal Police Officers or Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) shall enforce this ordinance. If a violation of this ordinance is found, the Municipal Officer or CEO shall notify in writing the person responsible for it, specifying the nature of the violation. When damage has been done to property, the responsible party will be given not more than 30 calendar days to make the correction. A copy of the notice shall be given to the municipal officers.

If the violation is not corrected as ordered by the Municipal Officer or CEO, the Municipal Officer or CEO may initiate any and all actions and proceedings, legal or equitable, that may be necessary or appropriate to enforce this ordinance. The Municipal Officer or CEO may grant one extension of not more than 90 calendar days to the time allowed by him for correction of the violation if he determines, based upon all relevant circumstances, that the person responsible for the violation cannot reasonably be expected to make the correction with the time allowed due to personal physical disability or financial hardship or seasonal weather conditions.

Any person who violates this ordinance shall be penalized in accordance with Title 30A MRSA §4452, including, without limitation, a penalty of \$100 to \$2500 per day for a specific violation, injunctive relief and reasonable attorney fees, expert witness fees and costs

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**Section 5: Adoption Process and Effective Date**

Date of Adoption by the Milo Select Board: MAY 2 2017

Effective Date of Ordinance:

Leland Mcmannus, Chairman

Peter Hamlin  
Peter Hamlin, Secretary, Selectman

Isabelle Warren  
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Paula Copeland  
Paula Copeland, Selectman

Tony Hamlin  
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