

**TOWN OF LINCOLNVILLE
ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

Section 1. Title:

Prohibition of Domestic Animals from all Lincolnville Public Beaches.

Section 2. Purpose:

There have been several complaints concerning the health aspects of allowing domestic animals on the Public Beaches of the Town of Lincolnville. With the increase in use of the Lincolnville Public Beaches in the past few years, and the expected further increase, to allow domestic animals onto the Public Beaches is not in the best interest of sound public health practices. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the Town of Lincolnville by setting standards for the control of domestic animals on the Lincolnville Public Beaches.

Section 3. Applicability:

This Ordinance applies to the prohibition of domestic animals from all Town of Lincolnville Public Beaches.

Section 4. Effective Date: June 24, 1986

The effective date of the Ordinance is the day after Town approval.

Section 5. Validity and Severability:

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid, such decision shall not invalidate other sections or provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Amendments:

This Ordinance may be amended by majority vote of the Town voters.

Section 7. Definition:

Domestic Animals – any of various animals domesticated by man so as to live and breed in a tame condition.

Section 8. Prohibitions:

No person shall cause to be or allow his or her domestic animal(s) upon any Lincolnville Public Beach.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Lincolnville with respect to Public Beaches under its jurisdiction may place signs prohibiting all domestic animals from all Town of Lincolnville Public Beaches. Such signs shall be official signs and no person shall cause to be or allow his or her domestic animals(s) in violation of the restriction stated on such signs.

Section 9. Compliance:

This Ordinance shall not repeal, annual, or in any way impair other regulations, permits, ordinances, or statutes. Where this Ordinance imposes greater restrictions that set forth in the foregoing, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control.

Section 10. Enforcement:

A person found in violation of this Ordinance shall be issued a warning for the first offense; for subsequent offenses a fine of twenty five (25) dollars shall be imposed. All; fines imposed under this Ordinance shall be recovered to the benefit of the Town of Lincolnville.

Section 11. Legal Action:

The Municipal Officers, on their own, are hereby authorized and directed to institute any and all actions and court proceedings that may be appropriate or necessary to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance in the name of the Town of Lincolnville.

Section 12. Fines and Attorney's Fees:

If, in any action brought against in the name of the Town of Lincolnville under this Ordinance, the Town prevails against the person violating the Ordinance, then such person shall be liable and responsible for the Town's legal fees and court costs involved in bringing such suit or action. All fines imposed under this Ordinance shall be recovered to the benefit of the Town of Lincolnville.

Enacted: 06-25-1986