



DOG ORDINANCE

Enacted: June 17, 2023

Certified By: *Andis Brown*
Clerk.

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

As used in this Ordinance, the following words shall have the following respective meanings.

1. **Owner:** "Owner" means any person, partnership, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog or dogs.
2. **Dog Constable:** The law enforcement officer, Animal Control Officer, or other Public Official authorized for these purposes, who has the duty to enforce the provisions of all ordinances of the Town of Danforth and laws of the State of Maine concerning the protection, licensing, and control of dogs or other animals.

SECTION 2: RESTRICTIONS

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

SECTION 3: ENFORCEMENT

Upon written complaint by the person disturbed, signed and sworn to, the Dog Constable of the Town of Danforth or duly qualified law enforcement official may investigate and may give written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner or keeper of such dog or dogs that such annoyance or disturbance must cease within two days of receipt of notice. 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, for which a forfeiture of not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$100.00, shall be adjudged. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. The municipality may be awarded attorneys fees and costs incurred in enforcing the ordinance. All fines so assessed shall be recovered for the use of the Town of Danforth through District Court.