



TOWN OF FALMOUTH

ORDINANCE NO 22-2014

An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 3, Section 3-4 Nuisance Dogs.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Falmouth, Maine in Town Council assembled, that the Falmouth Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3 Animals

Sec. 3-4. - Nuisance dogs.

No owner or keeper of any dog kept within the town shall allow such dog to become a nuisance dog under the definitions of this chapter. Upon written complaint signed by the person disturbed, any duly qualified law enforcement officials including, without limitation, the 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. If such annoyance or disturbance continues after a warning has been issued, the owner or keeper shall be guilty of a civil violation punishable by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense; and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each subsequent offense. All fines so assessed and attorney's fees shall be recovered for use by the town.

No person shall be prosecuted under this chapter unless that person has had written warning from a duly qualified police officer or animal control officer in the town of Falmouth. The warning shall be made part of the complaint and shall include, but not be limited to, the date and time the warning was issued.

Attest:_____

**Ellen Planer
Town Clerk
August 12, 2013**