

**An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Animal Control Ordinance  
to Amend Fee Schedules**

**NOTE:** Proposed additions to existing Code sections are underlined.  
Proposed deletions of existing Code sections are ~~crossed-out~~.  
Other sections of the Ordinance are unchanged.

**The Town of Bowdoinham hereby ordains and enacts “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Animal Control Ordinance to Update Fee Schedules” to read as follows:**

**Part 1:** Section V, entitled “Animals Creating a Nuisance by Noise” is hereby amended as follows:

**V. ANIMALS CREATING A NUISANCE BY NOISE:**

Anyone owning, possessing or harboring any animal which barks, howls, or makes other sounds common to its species, continuously for twenty minutes or intermittently for one hour or more shall be deemed to have caused a nuisance. Violations shall be addressed, at officers discretion, as such;

- 1) Upon 1<sup>st</sup> offense the ACO, or a law enforcement officer shall verbally warn owner of nuisance.
- 2) Upon 2<sup>nd</sup> offense the ACO, or a law enforcement officer shall provide a written warning informing owner of nuisance.
- 3) Upon a 3<sup>rd</sup> offense, the ACO or other law enforcement officer shall issue a citation, and the person owning, possessing, or harboring the animal in question shall be subject to the civil penalty as set forth in Section XVI of this ordinance.
- 4) For each subsequent violation, the civil penalty called for under Section XVI shall increase in ~~\$25.00~~ 75.00 increments.

**Part 2:** Section VI, entitled “Running at Large” is hereby amended as follows:

**VI. RUNNING AT LARGE:**

It is unlawful for any animal, licensed or unlicensed, to run at large except when used for hunting. Any stray or abandoned animal roaming at large shall be impounded by the Animal Control Officer (ACO) and taken to a shelter. Any dog leaving the property of its owner or custodian must be on a leash. Any animal in violation may be impounded by the ACO or a law enforcement officer. Any animal so impounded may be destroyed if it is not claimed within eight days following impoundment. The ACO or an other law enforcement officer, may take the animal to its owner, if known. However, the offender will be subject to a charge of ~~\$25.00~~ 75.00 for services rendered, payable to the Town of Bowdoinham.

**Part 3:** Section IX, entitled “Impound Fee” is hereby amended as follows:

**IX. IMPOUNDMENT FEE:**

All owners may reclaim their animal by first licensing, if applicable, according to this ordinance, and by paying to the Town of Bowdoinham an Impoundment Fee of ~~thirty-five~~ thirty-five dollars (~~\$30~~ 50.00) for each offense. The owner will also be responsible for any additional costs incurred on behalf of the animal at the Animal Shelter prior to reclamation. Fees must be paid at the Town Clerk’s Office and a receipt of same presented to the Animal Shelter prior to the release of the animal.

**Part 4:** Section XV, entitled “Violations” is hereby amended as follows:

**XV. VIOLATIONS:**

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Any person found in violation of any provision contained in Section V, VI, VII, and/or VIII shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$~~25~~ 50.00) and not more than ~~en-two~~ two hundred dollars (\$~~100~~ 200.00) for each offense. All civil penalties shall inure to the benefit of the Town and shall be paid at the Town Clerk's Office. The ACO may cause the initiation of legal proceedings to prosecute any violation of this ordinance.

**Part 5:** Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Town Meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of April, 2022.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM:**

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