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EXCERPT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD
MONDAY, May 1, 2023
Chocksett Middle School 40 Boutelle Road

ARTICLE 37. CHAPTER 18 ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAWS

To see if the Town will vote to amend § 18-4 of the Town's General Bylaws, Animal Control, Special Permits and Kennel Licenses, relative to the correct penalties for violation in accordance with MGL c140, s137A: Kennel licenses, with deletions show in ~~strike through~~ and additions show in **bold/underline**, or take any action in relation thereto.

§ 18-4. Special permits and kennel licenses.

G. Penalties for violations of § 18-4 shall be:

- (1) ~~Reserved~~ **A person who violates this section shall be assessed a fine of \$500 for a first offense and a fine of not more than \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense.**
- (2) ~~The fine for the first offense committed by a person shall be \$50.~~
- (3) ~~The fine for the second offense shall be \$100.~~
- (4) ~~The fine for a third offense shall be \$300.~~
- (5) ~~For a fourth or subsequent offense, the fine shall be \$500.~~

Passage requires majority vote

Motion made that the Town vote to amend § 18-4 of the Town's General Bylaws, Animal Control, Special Permits and Kennel Licenses, as presented in Article 37 of the Warrant.

Submitted by: Animal Control Officer Kelly Jones with the approval of the Animal Control Advisory Board.

Recommendations: Select Board recommends approval

Summary: The purpose of this article is to update the penalties for violations of § 18-4 Special permits and kennel licenses in accordance with the fines stated in MGL c140 s137A: Kennel licenses.

Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator

A True Copy Attest: _____
Kathleen K. Farrell, Town Clerk