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**LEGISLATION INFORMATION AND HISTORY
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN**

Type of enactment (ordinance, resolution, bylaw, local law):

**ORDINANCE NO. 420
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 103 – DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS**

Action	Date
Introduction	June 24, 2024
Publication	In Full: July 12, 2024
Public Hearing	July 22, 2024
Adoption	July 22, 2024
Publish Notice of Adoption	July 29, 2024

Date copy sent to General Code Publishers for codification: June 23, 2024

The legislative history will be compiled as the ordinance passes through the required procedures. A copy of the form should be sent with the ordinance to General Code for them to keep with the code files, the original being retained as a record in the Town Clerk's files.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN**

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown after a public hearing, duly advertised and posted, held on July 22, 2024.

**ORDINANCE NO. 420
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 103 – DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS**

Section 1. The Town Council of the Town of Charlestown hereby ordains that Chapter 103 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Charlestown is amended as follows:

See Exhibit A for a full version of the proposed amendments.

Note: Words set as ~~strikeover~~ are to be **deleted** from the ordinance; words set in underline are to be **added** to the ordinance.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause said changes to be made to the Town of Charlestown's Code of Ordinances.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Attested To By:

Passed By Town Council On:

Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk

July 22, 2024

To be advertised in the Westerly Sun, in full: July 29, 2024

EXHIBIT A

Article I - Restraint, Nuisances and Regulations

§ 103-1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms mean as indicated below:

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The person employed by the town as its officer to enforce this chapter. The Animal Control Officer shall report both functionally and administratively to the Chief of Police. All full-time employees of the Police Department of said town by virtue of their office shall be Deputy Animal Control Officers. During the absence of the Animal Control Officer, ~~he~~ they may designate a substitute to act in ~~his~~ their place.

[Amended 1-13-1986 by Ch. 145]

AT LARGE

Any animal shall be deemed to be "at large" when he is off the property of his owner and not under control of a competent person.

DOG POUND

Any premises designated by action of the town for the purpose of impounding and caring for all animals in violation of this chapter.

EXPOSED TO RABIES

An animal that has been bitten by or been exposed to any animal determined by competent authority to have been infected with rabies.

KENNEL

Any establishment engaged in breeding, buying, selling, training or boarding animals.

OWNER

Any person owning, keeping or harboring an animal.

RESTRAINT

An animal that is controlled or at heel beside a competent person and obedient to that person's commands, on or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the street or within the property limits of its owner or keeper.

SPAYED FEMALE

Any bitch which has been operated upon by an ovarian hysterectomy to prevent conception.

VETERINARIAN

A veterinarian licensed to practice under the laws of Rhode Island.