



## TOWN OF DOVER

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### CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

This is to certify that the 2024 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Dover was held at the Lindquist Commons Building at the Dover-Sherborn Regional High School in Dover on May 6, 2024. The meeting was duly called to order by the Moderator on the 6th day of May, 2024 at 7:16 PM and held pursuant to the warrant therefore issued by the Selectmen on the 21st day of March, 2024 and duly served in accordance with Town bylaws, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

**The following action was taken with respect to this article of the Warrant. The article reads as follows:**

#### **Article 25. Amend General Bylaws - Dog Leash Bylaw (Citizens' Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 83 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Dover by adding a new section as set forth below, and further, that nonsubstantive changes in the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Dover Town Code, or take any other action relative thereto:

Article II Dogs § 83-3 Restraint required. No dog shall be allowed in any public place or street within the boundaries of Dover unless it is effectively restrained by a leash of no more than seven feet. Exceptions to this would be if it is contained within a motor vehicle.

**It was moved by Mr. Migausky and seconded by Ms. McCormick that the Town vote to amend Chapter 83 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Dover by adding a new section as set forth below, and further, that nonsubstantive changes in the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Dover Town Code:**

Article II Dogs § 83-3 Restraint required. No dog shall be allowed in any public place or street within the boundaries of Dover unless it is effectively restrained by a leash of no more than seven feet. Exceptions to this would be if it is contained within a motor vehicle.

**It was moved by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Ms. Greenwood that the motion be amended by replacing "seven feet with ten feet," and adding exceptions for service or therapy dogs or hounds owned by a sporting club.**

The amended motion was put to an electronic vote and passed 97 (yes) to 62 (no).

The main motion was put to an electronic vote and passed 81 (yes) to 79 (no).



Felicia S. Hoffman, CMMC  
Town Clerk  
May 16, 2024

A TRUE COPY  
ATTEST:



  
TOWN CLERK OF DOVER

**Amend General Bylaws - Dog Leash Bylaw (Citizens' Petition)**

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Article II Dogs § 83-3 Restraint required. No dog shall be allowed in any public place or street within the boundaries of Dover unless it is effectively restrained by a leash of no more than seven feet. Exceptions to this would be if it is contained within a motor vehicle.

**Final Leash Law as amended and voted at Town Meeting:**

Article II Dogs § 83-3 Restraint required. No dog shall be allowed in any public space or street within the boundaries of Dover unless it is effectively restrained by a leash of no more than ten feet. A dog may be unleashed in public if it is contained within a motor vehicle, is a service or therapy dog, or is a hound owned by a sporting club, such as a hunt club.