

ANIMALS

(HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board, of the Town of Farmington, on October 28, 2003 by Resolution. Section 49-5 Amended April 27, 2004 by Town Board Resolution #139-2004.)

49-1: Title.

49-2: Purpose.

DEFINITIONS

49-3: Purpose and intent.

The purpose and intent of this article shall be to preserve the public peace and good order in the Town of Farmington and to contribute to the public welfare and the preservation and protection of the property and the person of the inhabitants of said Town by declaring and enforcing certain regulations and restrictions on activities of dogs and owners of dogs within the Town.

49-4: Prohibited acts.

It shall be unlawful for any owner of or any person harboring any dog in the Town of Farmington to permit or allow such dog to:

- (a) Engage in loud howling or barking or conduct itself in such a manner so as to annoy any reasonable person other than the owner or person harboring such dog.
- (b) Cause damage or destruction to property, or commit a nuisance upon the premises of a person other than the owner or person harboring such dog.
- (c) Bite, chase or otherwise harass any person in such a manner as reasonably causes intimidation or puts such person in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm or injury.

49-5: Complaints.

Any person who observes a dog committing a prohibited act listed in Section 49-4, as amended, may file a signed complaint under oath with the Town Code Enforcement Officer, the Town Clerk or a Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Farmington specifying the objectionable conduct of the dog, the date thereof, the damage caused, if applicable, a description of the dog and the name and residence, if known, of the owner or other person harboring said dog. The Town Officer taking the complaint shall immediately deliver the complaint to the Farmington Town Court for processing by a Farmington Town Justice in accordance with Section 49-6 of this Chapter.

49-6: Complaint Procedure.

Upon receipt by the Town Justice of any complaint in writing against the conduct of any particular dog, the Town Justice shall summon the alleged owner or other person

harboring said dog to appear in person before him. If the summons is disregarded, the Town Justice shall permit the filing of an information and issue a warrant for the arrest of such person.

EFFECTIVE DATE

49-7: This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication and posting thereof as provided by law. (Effective *5/14/2004*)