

Canine Ordinance

This ordinance applies to all dogs on all developed public property within the town of Enfield, including but not limited to streets, sidewalks, parking lots, parks, athletic fields, beach and grounds on which are located school, town or other public buildings.

1. Pursuant to RSA 41-11 and 41-11a, it is the intent of this ordinance to regulate the control of dogs and their defecation, either of which can become a public health, safety or nuisance issue to Town residents.
2. Prior ordinances of the Town require all dogs in Enfield “to be restrained from running at large” (1973), and “on a leash or otherwise in the control of a handler” (1976). Existing Rules for Huse Park prohibit the presence of dogs.
3. This ordinance permits the presence of dogs on all developed Enfield town property where not otherwise prohibited, including but not limited to streets, sidewalks, parking lots, parks, athletic fields, beach and grounds on which are located school, town or other public buildings, as long as they are leashed or otherwise under positive control. Those persons controlling such dogs, however, must remove the animals’ defecation.
 - A. An owner or person having custody of any dog shall not permit said dog to defecate on any streets, sidewalks, parking lots, parks, athletic fields, beach and grounds on which are located school, town or other public buildings, or any other developed Town property unless said defecation is removed immediately and properly disposed of in a container for trash or litter or similar manner. Further, no defecation or manure shall be dumped or left on any streets, sidewalks, parking lots, parks, athletic fields, beach and grounds on which are located school, town or other public buildings, or any other developed Town property.
 - B. Any person having control over a dog, whether or not the owner, who allows the dog off his or her premises and has knowledge that such dog is defecating on any streets, sidewalks, parking lots, parks, athletic fields, beach and grounds on which are located school, town or other public buildings, or any other developed Town property and does not remove and properly dispose of the defecation shall be in violation of this ordinance and subject to a fine of \$25.
4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

19 March 2001
Date of Passage