

## **CANINE CONTROL ORDINANCE**

**Adopted May 30,2009**

It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper of a dog within the Town of Sabattus to keep or maintain a dog that causes a disturbance of the peace at any time of the day or night.

It shall be the duty of the Town's Animal Control Officer and/or any Law Enforcement Officer of the Town of Sabattus to verbally warn the owner or keeper of the offending dog of the violation.

After the initial warning has been issued, any additional violations will result in a summons to the District Court being issued to the owner or keeper of the dog.

Upon conviction the owner or keeper of the offending dog will be assessed a fine according to the following schedule:

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence:	\$100.00 plus any and all reasonable attorney fees.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence:	\$250.00 plus any and all reasonable attorney fees.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	\$500.00 plus any and all reasonable attorney fees.

### **CANINE WASTE:**

(A) Violation. It shall be the duty of any owner or keeper of a dog or anyone in possession or control of a dog to remove and dispose of, in a safe and healthful manner, any waste left by the animal on any street, sidewalk or publicly owned property, or any private property where that person does not have permission of the owner to leave waste.

(B) Exemption. The requirements for removing dog waste under this section shall not apply to a dog accompanying any handicapped person, who, by reason of the handicap, is physically unable to comply with the requirements of this section.

Penalties. Anyone who violates this section shall be guilty of a civil violation and shall forfeit a sum of \$100.00 for the first violation, \$250.00 for a second violation and \$500.00 for each subsequent violation plus any and all reasonable attorney fees.

(C) Such forfeitures shall be paid to the town and shall be deposited in a separate account as provided in 7 M.R.S.A. §3945.