

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

(As amended June 10, 2015)

SECTION A. Barking Dogs

1. No person or owner having custody of any dog kept within the legal town limits of Oakland shall allow such a dog to unnecessarily annoy or disturb any person by continued or repeated barking or making bothersome loud or unusual noise.
2. Any person who observes or hears a violation of this ordinance may file a complaint with the Oakland Police Department. The provisions of this ordinance may be enforced by Oakland's Animal Control Office or any Police Officer appointed by the Town of Oakland. A written notice may be given to the owner or keeper of the dog responsible for the disturbance.
3. Therefore, if the disturbance or annoyance continues after written notice is given; such owner or keeper shall be subject to a penalty found in Section B, paragraph 3.

SECTION B. Control of Animal Waste

1. No person shall fail to immediately remove and lawfully dispose of any feces left on any property by a dog owned by, entrusted to, or the responsibility of such person or under his/her control in any area located within the Town of Oakland. This regulation shall not apply to a dog/owner when on the property owned exclusively by the owner.
2. **Enforcement as follows:** Any person who observes a violation of this ordinance may file a complaint with the Oakland Police Department. The provisions of this ordinance may be enforced by Oakland's Animal Control Officer or any Police Officer appointed by the Town of Oakland.
3. Upon complaint before the District Court any person found violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a civil violation and punishable by a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense. All fines so assessed by the Court shall be recovered to use by the Town of Oakland. Court proceedings may be waived by payment of such penalty to the Town of Oakland prior to any scheduled hearing before District Court.

