

Chapter 6 ANIMALS¹

Sec. 6-1. Reserved. ~~Bird sanctuary.~~

~~The entire area embraced within the limits of the town is hereby designated a bird sanctuary.~~

~~(Code 1983, § 90.01; Code 1996, § 6-1)~~

Sec. 6-2. Noisy animals and fowl.

No person shall keep in the town any animal or fowl which shall disturb the comfort or rest of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in the vicinity with frequent or long-continued noises of any kind whatsoever, including the barking, howling, yelping, or crowing of any animal or fowl.

(Code 1983, § 90.02; Code 1996, § 6-2)

Sec. 6-3. Running at large.

- (a) No dog shall run at large within the town. All dogs must be on a leash when off the owner or other custodian's premises.
- (b) Whenever a dog is found running at large in violation of this section, any authorized agent of the town may take charge of such animal and refer it to the county animal care and control division.
- (c) If a dog has a license tag affixed to its collar, the town shall make a reasonable effort to notify the owner prior to the town referring such animal to the county animal care and control division.
- (d) At any time prior to any dog being turned over to the county animal care and control division, the owner of such dog may apply to the town for its release.
- (e) If ~~an~~ any animal is deemed to be an immediate threat to the safety of any one or more individuals, the police department is authorized to take all action reasonably necessary to protect such individual(s). Any ~~dog~~ animal believed to be aggressive or dangerous will be referred to the county animal care and control division for investigation.

~~(f) —The fine for a violation of this section shall be set from time to time by resolution of the town council.~~

(Ord. No. 304 , § 4, 4-13-2021)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 304 , § 2, adopted April 13, 2021, repealed § 6-3, which pertained to animals running at large and derived from Code 1983, § 90.03 and Code 1996, § 6-3. Section 4 of said ordinance enacted a new § 6-3 as set out herein.

State law reference(s)—Livestock at large, F.S. § 588.12 et seq.

¹State law reference(s)—Municipal Home Rule Powers Act, F.S. ch. 166; control of animals, F.S. ch. 828.

Sec. 6-4. Animals on public beaches.

It shall be unlawful for any person to aid, abet, assist, or allow any animal under his care, custody, or control, or subject to his command, whether subject to restraint or not, to be on any public beach within the town [\(excluding service animals, with documentation recognized by the ADA\)](#).

(Code 1983, § 90.04; Code 1996, § 6-4)

Sec. 6-5. Removal of feces.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person having a pet [or service animal](#) within his or her ownership and/or control to leave any deposit of feces on any public or private premises, pavement or street, parkway or walkway, or on any public park, or ways on the oceanfront devoted to the use of the public, or anywhere within the town corporate limits, other than on the premises owned by the owner or custodian of such pet.
- (b) All feces must be removed by the person walking the pet [or service animal](#), which feces must be placed in a plastic bag and deposited in a trash container.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person walking a pet [or service animal](#) to fail to have a plastic bag in his or her possession while walking the animal.

~~(d) The fine for a violation of this section shall be set from time to time by resolution of the town council.~~

(Ord. No. 304 , § 5, 4-13-2021)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 304 , § 3, adopted April 13, 2021, repealed § 6-5, which pertained to the depositing of excreta in public places and derived from Code 1983, § 90.05 and Code 1996, § 6-5. Section 5 of said ordinance enacted a new § 6-5 as set out herein.

Sec. 6-6. Penalty.

[\(a\) This chapter shall be subject to enforcement by Article IX. relating to Code Enforcement.](#)

[\(b\) The fine for a violation of this Chapter shall be set from time to time by resolution of the town council.](#)