

Town of Casco
Dog Control Ordinance
Adopted January 14, 2012
Amended June 10, 2015

SECTION 1 Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to control dogs throughout the Town of Casco in the interest of health, safety and general welfare of its residents.

SECTION 2 Definitions as used in this Ordinance unless the context otherwise indicates:

- A. "DOG" shall mean both male and female whether neutered or not.
- B. "OWNER" shall mean any person, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.
- C. "AT LARGE" shall mean off the premises of the owner and not being under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention or ability to manipulate and command the conduct of the dog.
- D. "DANGEROUS DOG" shall have the same meaning as 7 M.R.S.A. § 3907 (12-D).

SECTION 3 License Required

All dogs kept, harbored or maintained by their respective owners in the Town of Casco shall be licensed and tagged in accordance with the requirements of 7 M.R.S.A Section 3921.

SECTION 4 Disturbing the Peace

It shall be a violation of this ordinance for an owner or keeper of a dog to cause or permit such dog to unnecessarily annoy or disturb any person by continued or repeated barking, howling, or other loud or unusual noises any time during the day or night. This Section shall not apply to State licensed kennels operating in the Town of Casco as the date of this amendment. It shall be violation of this ordinance for an owner to cause or permit a dog to be a dangerous dog. This section shall not apply to dogs engaged in herding livestock or to agricultural guard dogs engaged in protecting livestock or warning the owners of danger to livestock. For purposes of this section "livestock" shall have the same meaning as in 7 M.R.S.A. Section 3907, subsection 18-A. A first violation of this section shall result in a warning to the owner or keeper of the dog. A second violation shall be subject to a penalty of no less than \$100.00 and any subsequent violation shall be subject to a penalty of no less than \$250.00. In the event that the Town is the prevailing party in an action under this ordinance, it shall be entitled to an award of its reasonable attorney's fees, expert witness fees, or any other associated costs.

SECTION 5 **Running at Large**

Dogs at large, except when used for hunting, shall be subject to the provisions of 7 M.R.S.A. Sections 3911-3913 and 3915.