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TO RESTRAIN THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS
IN THE TOWN OF FORESTPORT, NEW YORK, AND
GENERALLY REGULATING DOG OWNER'S RESPON-
SIBILITIES FOR THE QUIET ENJOYMENT AND
PROTECTION THEREOF BY THE PUBLIC

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Forestport,
Oneida County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Intent- The purpose of this ordinance shall be to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Forestport including the protection and preservation of the property of the residents and inhabitants of the Town of Forestport and of their peace and good order by adopting and enforcing certain regulations and restrictions on the privileges of the owners and harborers of dogs and by imposing restrictions upon the keeping and running at large of dogs within the Town of Forestport.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any owner of, or any person harboring any dog in the Town of Forestport, to permit or allow such dog, whether or not tagged or licensed, to:

A. Run at large unless said dog is restrained by an adequate collar and leash or unless accompanied by its owner or a responsible person able to control the animal. For the purposes of this ordinance, a dog or dogs hunting in company with a hunter or hunters shall be considered as accompanied by its owner.

B. Engage in habitual loud howling or barking or to conduct itself in such manner so as to habitually annoy any person other than the owner or person harboring such dog.

C. Cause damage or destruction to property or commit a nuisance upon the premises of a person other than the owner or person harboring such a dog.

D. Chase or otherwise harrass any person in such a manner as reasonably to cause intimidation or to put such person in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm or injury.

E. Habitually chase or bark at motor vehicles.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for the owner or person harboring any female dog to permit such dog to run at large when in heat and such dog shall be confined to the premises of such person during such period.

Section 4. A dog warden or other proper authority designated by the Town Board as provided by Section 119 of the Agriculture and Markets Law and other applicable laws and provisions, may enforce the provisions of this ordinance and may also investigate and report to a Town Justice any dangerous dog as described in Section 116 of the Agriculture and Markets Law and see that the order or orders of the Town Justice in such case are carried out.

Section 5. Any person who observes a dog causing damage or destruction to the property of a person other than its owner, or committing a nuisance upon the premises of a person other than its owner, or in violation of any subdivision of Section 2 and 3, may file a signed complaint, under oath, with a Town Justice of the Town of Forestport specifying the objectionable conduct of the dog, the date thereof, the damage caused or other violation, a description of the dog and residence, if known, of the owner or other person harboring said dog.

Section 6. Upon receipt by the Town Justice of any complaint against the conduct of any particular dog, the Town Justice may summon the alleged owner or other person harboring said dog to appear in person before him; if the summons is disregarded, the Justice may permit the filing of an information and issue a warrant for the arrest of such person.