

**TOWN OF CHESTER, VERMONT**  
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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

On July 3, 2024, the Selectboard of the Town of Chester, Vermont, adopted an “Ordinance Regulating Domestic Animals” pursuant to the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. § 2291(14), and (15), and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of the adoption of this ordinance and of the citizens’ right to petition for a vote to disapprove the adoption of this ordinance.

**CONCISE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town and to preserve the quiet enjoyment of their property through the abatement of public nuisances associated with the keeping of Domestic Animals, including, but not limited to: the significant danger they pose to the traveling public and the damage they can cause to private and public property when running-at-large; their ability to produce noise detrimental to the enjoyment of life, property, and the conduct of business; and the risk they pose of transmitting communicable diseases to people and other animals, when not properly confined.

The full text of the ordinance may be examined at the Chester Town office at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vermont, and may be examined during regular office hours.

**CITIZENS’ RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE**

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove the adoption of the ordinance by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the adoption of the ordinance signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town’s qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the ordinance. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the adopted “Ordinance Regulating Domestic Animals” shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

**PERSON TO CONTACT**

Additional information pertaining to this ordinance may be obtained by contacting Julie Hance, Town Manager at 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 or by calling (802) 875-2173 during regular office hours.