

Tammy Hodgman

From: Donald H. Gerrish
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:45 AM
To: Tammy Hodgman
Cc: Kevin L. Schofield
Subject: Fwd: Patsy Murphy's suggestions

Hi Tammy,

Please send this to the Council and have copies for them tonight.

Thanks

Don

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kevin L. Schofield" <klschofield@windhammaine.us>
Date: March 5, 2019 at 9:14:44 AM EST
To: "Donald H. Gerrish" <dhgerrish@windhammaine.us>, Donna Chapman
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Cc: Patsy Murphy <pmurphy@arlpp.org>
Subject: Patsy Murphy's suggestions

Good Morning Don and Donna,

Attached please the information that Patsy has sent me. I find it helpful, I particularly like Paragraphs 1 & 2. Also as mentioned in my memo defining limits on intermittent barking vs. constant barking as well as a clear definition section will be helpful.

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From: Patsy Murphy <pmurphy@arlgo.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Kevin L. Schofield <klschofield@windhammaine.us>
Subject: RE: Thank you

Thanks Chief, I appreciate the opportunity to talk to the council about our very important work.

I'll give you a few options that we have seen in other areas across the country and in Maine.

1. This is a good introduction or purpose statement that places the responsibility of the pet on the guardian, companion or owner.

The Town of Windham has establish an Animal Ordinance to protect the public health and safety of its citizens and to promote the general welfare of the citizens and animals residing within the town. Animal ownership is encouraged and welcomed within Windham; however, strong emphasis is placed on responsible ownership of animals. Animal owners are encouraged to respect the rights of their fellow citizens and also those of their animals. Primary responsibility is placed upon animal owners to properly train and/or secure their animals so as to prevent them from causing injuries and/or creating nuisances.

2. This is another impactful statement:
In no event shall any person keep at his or her premises more pet animals than can be properly maintained in a healthy condition without presenting a health or safety hazard to the owners, keeper or others and without constituting a nuisance to the occupants or neighboring properties.

3. The town of Lisbon, Maine makes it clear that the barking must be:

. . . prolonged barking, howling, or the making of other sounds common to its species, causes undue annoyance to individuals residing in the neighborhood shall be deemed to constitute a nuisance. No person shall have or keep any animal which creates a nuisance. Any person found in violation shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00 for each offense. Any fine collected shall inure to the town.

[Lisbon, Maine, Sec. 6-33](#).

4. A definition section is also very helpful. Anti-barking ordinances oftentimes are couched in nuisance terms; that is, a dog may be deemed a nuisance if he or she barks excessively, destroys property, or engages in any other anti-social behavior.

That's my first stab – I'll continue to work on it.

Let me know if there is anything in particular you would like me to focus on.

Thanks again for the opportunity to work together for the benefit of the animals and residents in your community.

Patsy

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From: Kevin L. Schofield <klschofield@windhammaine.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 12:34 PM
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Subject: Thank you

Hello Patsy,

I want to take a moment to once again thanks you for attending our council meeting last night. I have received a lot of positive feedback on your presentation. When we spoke last night after our presentation to the council, I mentioned we are reviewing our current animal control ordinance. ACO Frye and I will be presenting some ideas we have from our experience and researching other towns ordinances. Attached, please find our current ordinance and a memo I have prepared on items Jackie and or I feel should be considered by the council.

If you could and have time, any feedback and suggestion that you may have would be very helpful.

Thanks again for attending last night and all that you do.

Kevin

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