

ORDINANCE NO. 17-03

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER FOR ANIMALS AND REGULATING THE CONTROL OF DOGS IN THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Millville has the power to adopt ordinances for the protection and preservation of Town property, rights and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing protection and promotion of health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare and happiness of the residents of the Town;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council desire to add a new Chapter 41 to the Town Code to regulate animals in the Town, including the control of dogs;

WHEREAS, the Town has introduced this Ordinance in accordance with procedures established by law;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Millville that the following Millville Town Code additions are adopted:

Section 1. Add a new Chapter 41, entitled "Animals", to the Code of the Town of Millville as follows:

Chapter 41: Animals

§ 41-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

AT LARGE

Any dog that is unrestrained and:

(1) On property open to the public; or

(2) On private property not owned by the owner of the dog, unless a property owner has given permission for such presence.

DOG

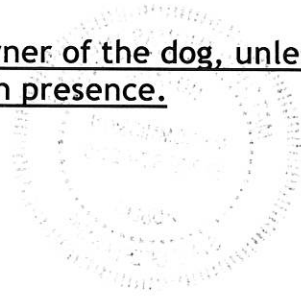
Either a male or female canine.

OWNER

Any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, maintaining, or harboring a dog.

PROPERTY

Any piece of real or personal property, including vehicles, shrubbery, flowers, other plants, and land.



UNRESTRAINED

Not under the control of a human being by cord, leash, chain or similar physical restraint, which does not include voice control.

RUN AT LARGE

To wander, rove, ramble, or move about at will, unrestrained off the premises of its owner.

§ 41-2. Running at Large.

It shall be unlawful for any owner of any dog to permit the dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large within the corporate limits of the Town.

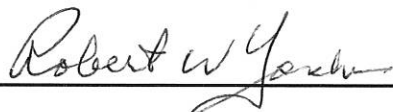
§ 41-3. Exemptions.

This chapter shall not apply to any specially trained companion dog actually accompanying a disabled person or any police work dog engaged in police work.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by Town Council.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE, SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE, ON THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY, 2016.

SEAL:

  
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ROBERT GORDON, MAYOR

ATTESTED:

  
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VALERIE FADEN, SECRETARY

