

# ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

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### Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit all dogs from any cemetery in the Town of Gorham so that they will not create a nuisance, health, or safety problem in cemeteries.

The provisions, which apply to the owners of an animal, applies equally to any person having its custody or possession.

### Section 2. Authority.

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to Title 30-A, M.R.S.A., Section 3001.

### Section 3. Severability Clause.

If any part of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

### Section 4. Repeal.

All ordinance or parts thereof, inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

### Section 5. Definition.

A. OWNER: any person, firm organization, partnership, association or corporation, which owns, possesses, or has custody of a dog.

### Section 6. Dogs Prohibited in Cemeteries.

It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow or permit any dog, whether on a leash or roaming at large or unrestricted, to enter any cemetery in the Town of Gorham, except that a service animal providing assistance to a person with disabilities may enter a cemetery.

### Section 7. Violation and Penalty

Except as otherwise provided by State law, anyone found guilty of violating any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be recovered for the use of the Town of Gorham and shall be subject to such other legal and equitable remedies as may be available to the Town. Each day such violation continues shall be deemed to be a new offense.