

198. RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FINALLY APPROVE “AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF PETS IN CITY OWNED RECREATIONAL AREAS” (INITIALLY APPROVED MAY 20, 2013 AND FINALLY APPROVED JUNE 17, 2013)

WHEREAS, the City of Groton does not have an Ordinance concerning the control of pets in City Owned Recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was established in order to help maintain the safety of those within the City of Groton; and

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROTON

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Groton, Connecticut, be amended by adding the following Ordinance to read as follows:

- a. *Leashing and conduct in public places.* Except in a dog park established by the City or any private entity, no owner or keeper shall bring any dog onto any public street, sidewalk or any other public property unless the dog is on a leash or lead that is no more than 25 feet and under the control of its owner or keeper at all times. No owner or keeper shall allow any dog under his supervision to dig up, mutilate, deface or destroy any public properties.
- b. *Presence on beaches.* No pet leashed or unleashed shall be allowed on public owned beaches in the City.
- c. This provision shall not apply to dogs working as service dogs for persons under the American Disabilities Act or Goose Patrol dogs, as hired by the City. The service dog must be leashed or on proper restraints.
- d. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to a \$50.00 fine for each violation.

Section 2. **Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was published in The Day, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Groton on May 24, 2013 and May 25, 2013;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council finally Approve “An Ordinance for the Control of Pets in City Owned Recreational Areas”.