

TOWN OF ERWIN ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Please be advised that the Town of Erwin has an animal control ordinance. The law requires that the owner or harbinger of any animal control the behavior of the animal. All dogs must be licensed through the Town Clerk's office. Cats are not required to be licensed at this time.

As an owner or harbinger of an animal, it is your responsibility to ensure that your animal is in compliance with the ordinance at all times. Listed below is a summary of portions of the law to familiarize you with the types of activities that are illegal. This is **not** the entire ordinance, and you are responsible for complying with the entire ordinance. If you would like a copy of the complete ordinance, or have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office.

Prohibited Animal Behaviors

- Attack, snap at, bite, jump upon, chase, stalk or otherwise harass, annoy, or become a nuisance to any person lawfully on any public or private property in Town
- Damage in any visible manner to any public or private property in Town
- To defecate upon any public or private property unless the owner immediately removes the fecal matter
- Habitually chase vehicles so as to harass and annoy the drivers
- To bark, howl or otherwise emit sounds excessively so as to constitute a public nuisance

Additional Owner Prohibitions

- To confine an animal in an unclean pen that causes unreasonable or excessive odors to be emitted, or that the pen becomes an unsightly nuisance
- To fail to provide proper care such as food, water shelter and exercise facilities

"Leash Law" Requirements

- In all residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts, it is unlawful for any dog to run at large unless the dog is restrained by an adequate leash, or the dog is accompanied by its owner or responsible person able to control it by command

Penalties

- First offense: an order of control specifying conditions of control and a fine of FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$50.00) against the owner or harbinger
- Second or subsequent offense: a fine of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$100.00) against the owner harbinger