

**Town of Embden
Dog Control Ordinance**

Section 1. Definitions. as used in this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise indicates:

- A. "Dog" – shall be intended to mean both male and female dogs.
- B. "Owner" – shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, harboring or in possession of or having the control of a dog.
- C. "At Large" – shall be intended to mean off the premises of the dog's owner, and not under the control and restraint of the dog's owner or a member of his/her immediate family, either by leash, cord, chain, "at heel", or under command.

Section 2. Running at Large. No owner shall cause or permit any dog owned or kept by him/her, or in his/her possession or under his/her control, to run at large within the Town. A dog, while in or on any public way or place, or in any other place, except as hereinafter provided, shall be under restraint, within the meaning of this Ordinance, if it is controlled by a leash, cord, chain or "at heel" or under the control of a person and obedient to that person's command, or on or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the streets, or within the property limits of its owner or keeper.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be held to require the leashing or restraint of any dog while on its owner's or keeper's premises, or in or on any premises used or occupied as a dwelling house.

Section 3. Barking or Howling Dogs. No person shall keep or harbor any dog within the Town which, by frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping, creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet and good order of the Town. Any person who shall allow any dog habitually to remain, be lodged or fed within any dwelling, building, yard or enclosure, which he/she occupies or owns, shall be considered as harboring such a dog.

Section 4. No dog, older than six months, may be kept within the Town of Embden unless the dog has been licensed by its owner or keeper in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine. Failure to so license the dog is a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Penalty. Any person found in violation of this Ordinance by a court shall be subject to a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and shall also be liable to reimburse the Town and its officials for all costs incurred by the Town and its officials in connection with this violation, including but not limited to compensation for the Animal Control Officer at the rate paid by the Town, mileage expenses at the State rate per mile, the actual cost of boarding the dog in question, and reasonable attorney's fees. In addition, the violator shall pay the dog license fee required by State law.