

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

On January 13, 2025 the Selectboard of the Town of Barnet, Vermont, adopted amendments to the existing “Animal Control Ordinance” pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 3549, 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291 (10), (14), and (15), and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of these amendments and of the citizens’ right to petition for a vote to disapprove these amendments.

CONCISE SUMMARY OF AMENDED ORDINANCE

Section 1: Authority

Section 2: Purpose

Section 3: Definitions

Section 4: Nuisances

Section 5: Collar and License

Section 6: Enforcement

Section 7: Penalties and Costs

Section 8: Impoundment

Section 9: Investigation of Vicious Pet

Section 10: Potentially Vicious Pets

Section 11: Factors to Consider in Determining Penalties

Section 12: Appeal from Decision of the Selectboard

Section 13: Other Laws

Section 14: Severability

Section 15: Effective Date

The full text of the Ordinance may be examined at the Town of Barnet, Vermont Town office at 1743 US Route 5 South, Barnet, VT 05821 and may be examined during regular office hours.

CITIZENS’ RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinance amendments adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town’s qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the amendments. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the amended “Animal Control Ordinance” shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Additional information pertaining to this Ordinance may be obtained by contacting Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk at PO Box 15, Barnet, VT 05821, or by calling 802-633-2256 during regular office hours.