ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. Definitions

A. “Dog” shall be intended to mean both male and female canines.

B. “Owner” shall be intended to mean any person(s), firm, association or corporation keeping, owning or harboring a dog.

C. “At large” shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner, not under the immediate control of the owner and other persons representing the owner.

SECTION 2. Running at Large Prohibited

No owner or keeper or any dog shall permit or allow their dog to roam at large at any time. This section shall not be constructed, however, to prevent the use of dogs for legal hunting purposes, field trials or shows or for the use of dogs on farms or residences for any lawful purpose not inconsistent with the intent and provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Barking or Howling Dogs

No person shall keep or harbor any dog which is loud, i.e., has frequent or habitual barking, howling or yelping that shall disturb the peace and tranquility of any person or persons.

SECTION 4. Confinement of Certain Dogs

Dogs of fierce, dangerous or vicious propensities shall be properly confined or tied by the owner in a reasonable manner to prevent harm to the public. Female dogs in heat shall be confined in such a manner as to avoid the creation of a nuisance by other dogs congregating in the area.

SECTION 5. Tag and Collar

The owners of all dogs shall have tags attached securely to the dogs. When off the premises of the owner, a suitable collar to which the license and rabies immunization tag shall be attached as required by applicable State Law. Also, when off the premises, the dog will be held by a leash which will not exceed eight (8) feet in length.

SECTION 6. License Required

All dogs kept, harbored or maintained by their respective owners in the Town of East Millinocket shall be licensed in accordance with the appropriate laws of the State of Maine.

SECTION 7. Enforcement

It shall be the duty of the Municipal Police Officers to enforce all provisions of this ordinance.

Penalties

Any owner found violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall by guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of ten ($10.00) dollars for each offense. All fines that are assessed shall be recovered for the use of the Town of East Millinocket through the District Court.

SECTION 8. Effective Date
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after its passage.

SECTION 9. Proper removal of Canine Excrement

Persons who own or control a dog on any sidewalk, street or publicly owned property shall immediately remove and properly dispose of any excrement by the dog on such property. The regulation relating to cleanup of canine waste shall not apply to any handicapped person who, by reason of his or her handicap is physically unable to comply with the requirements of the provision.

Penalties

Any owner or keeper found in violating Section 9 of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten ($10.00) dollars and not more than fifty ($50.00) for each offense. The imposition of a penalty for violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue to exist. This shall constitute a separate offense.

Adopted April 29, 1975

*Amended September 1978 (leash law)

*Amended May 16, 2000 (canine excrement disposal)