

Barking Dog Ordinance

Adopted 3-20-2010

Article 44.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the barking dog ordinance adopted at the March 16, 1996 Annual Town Meeting to read as follows:

No person or owners having custody of any dog kept within the legal limits of the Town of Whitefield shall allow such dog to unnecessarily annoy or disturb any person by continued or repeated barking or other loud or unusual noises for more than a continuous period of twenty (20) minutes.

Upon written complaint by the person disturbed, signed and sworn to, any constable of the Town of Whitefield or duly qualified law enforcement official may investigate and may give written notice to the owner/keeper of such dog that such annoyance or disturbance must cease. The warning shall be made part of the complaint.

Thereafter, upon continuance of such annoyance or disturbance, such owner shall be guilty of a civil violation and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense. Each additional conviction after the first conviction shall be punished by a fine of \$50.00. All fines so assessed shall be recovered for the use of the Town of Whitefield.

Attest a True Copy
Gwyn Benson Dixon