

## TOWN OF GOLDSBORO

### ORDINANCE 18-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDSBORO TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE, SO AS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE, AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.

*WHEREAS*, The Town of Goldsboro is authorized by Annotated Code of Maryland, Maryland Local Government Code § 5-202 to enact such ordinances as it deems necessary in order to assure the good government of the municipality, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the municipality; and

*WHEREAS*, The Town of Goldsboro is committed to enhancing the livability of its residents by conserving resources and promoting community resiliency; and

*WHEREAS*, the Town of Goldsboro has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to adopt an ordinance to establish regulations concerning disposal of pet solid waste.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, the Mayor and Council of Goldsboro hereby ordains as follows:

#### SECTION I. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Ordinance clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Immediate – shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- b. Owner/Keeper – any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.
- c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- d. Pet - a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.
- e. Pet solid waste – waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement
- f. Proper disposal – placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

#### SECTION II. Requirement for Disposal:

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

SECTION III. Exemptions:

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Code Inspector of Goldsboro.

SECTION V. Violations and Penalty:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100 for each violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. Severability:

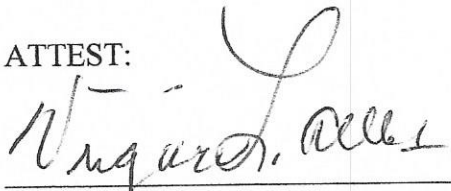
Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

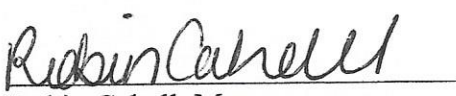
SECTION VII. Effective date:


This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect 20 days from and after its adoption.

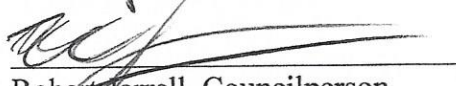
INTRODUCED: 11 September 2018

ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 2018.

ATTEST:  
  
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Virginia Albers, Clerk

  
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Robin Cahall, Mayor

  
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Eugene Carver, Councilperson

  
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Robert Farrell, Councilperson