

TOWN OF STARKSBORO

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE REGULATING DOGS AND WOLF-HYBRIDS (“Animal Control Ordinance”)

On Tuesday, December 10, 2019, the Selectboard of the Town of Starksboro, Vermont, adopted an amendment and revision 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. Chap.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.

The Selectboard of the Town of Starksboro has adopted a revised animal control ordinance regulating dogs and wolf-hybrids. The policy includes definitions, descriptions of nuisances and corresponding behaviors, licensing requirements, enforcement steps, penalties and fees, grounds for impoundment, and the process for investigation of vicious dogs.

The full text of the Ordinance may be examined at the Starksboro Town office at 2849 VT Route 116 and may be examined during regular office hours (M-Th).

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 “Ordinance Regulating Dogs and Wolf-Hybrids” 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 Koran Cousino, Selectboard Chair, or Rebecca Elder, Selectboard Assistant, at PO Box 91, Starksboro, VT 05487, or by calling (802) 453-2639 during regular office hours.