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Chapter 8.04

ANIMAL CONTROL LAW

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* Prior ordinance history: Ord. 516, 538, 567, 581, 609, 628 and 690.

8.04.010 Adoption of Marin County Code. Pursuant to Section 50022.9 of the California Government Code, the Marin County animal services ordinance, as set forth in Chapter 8.04 of Title 8 of the Marin County Code, as may be amended from time to time, is adopted by reference, and shall be in full force and effect within the Town of Ross. (Ord. 690 (part), 2018; 609 (part), 2008; Ord. 581 §1(part), 2003).

8.04.020 Fees. The Town Council may adopt by resolution the fees authorized by this Chapter and any such other fees to recover the cost of providing services pursuant to this Chapter. (Ord. 690 (part), 2018; 609 (part), 2008; Ord. 581 §1(part), 2003).

8.04.030 Animal Feces. No owner or person having charge, custody or control of any animal shall permit such animal to defecate on any public property, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care to control, unless the person immediately removes and disposes of the feces in a sanitary manner. (Ord. 690 (part), 2018; 609 (part), 2008; Ord. 581 §1(part), 2003).

8.04.161 Dogs prohibited upon the Ross Common. (a) It is unlawful for the owner or person having control of any dog to allow or permit such dog, under any circumstances and at any time, whether leashed or unleashed, to be upon or within the publicly maintained park area commonly referred to as "The Common, (playing field)" and more particularly described as that improved lawn area lying completely within the asphalt pathway running the entirety of its southerly and easterly borders, the Ross school's playground on its westerly border, (and the

asphalt pathway between the Ross School Multipurpose Room Stage and the area of the crosswalk across from the Post Office on its northerly border); provided, that this prohibition shall not apply to a person with disabilities requiring the use of a guide dog, signal dog or service dog to obtain equal access to such publicly maintained property.

(b) It is unlawful for the owner or person having control of any dog to allow or permit such dog to be unleashed on any part of the Ross Common park bounded by the Ross School to the west, Lagunitas Road to the north, the Ross Common road to the east, and Redwood Drive to the south during the hours that students are arriving to and departing from Ross School during the academic year, specifically one half hour before to one half hour after the opening of school entrances and one half hour before to one half hour after any student dismissal as published in the Ross School Parent Handbook for any given academic year; provided, that this prohibition shall not apply to a person with disabilities requiring the use of a guide dog, signal dog or service dog to obtain equal access to such publicly maintained property.

(c) Any person violating subsections (a) or (b) of this section as adopted in this chapter by reference is guilty of an infraction as provided in Section 19.6 of the Penal Code, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for the first offense, and by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for a second offense within a one year period. (Ord. 728 (part), 2025; Ord. 712, 2022; Ord. 658, 2015; Ord. 609 (part), 2008; Ord. 585, 2004).