

**Town of Rockport
BARKING DOG ORDINANCE**

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Approved by townspeople November 3, 1987

No owner or person having custody of any dog within the legal limits of the Town of Rockport shall allow such dog to unnecessarily annoy or disturb any person by continued or repeated barking, howling or yelping, or any other loud or unusual noises. Upon written complaint by the person or persons disturbed, signed and sworn to, any Rockport police officer or duly qualified law enforcement official may investigate and may give written notice to the owner or keeper of such dog, that such annoyance or disturbance must cease. The warning shall be made a 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 punishable by a fine of \$50.00. All fines so assessed shall be recovered for use of the Town of Rockport through District Court.