Town of Barrington Ordinance
Forbidding Domestic Animals Running at Large

DEFINITIONS: Animal: All domestic and non-human animals owned by a person, partnership, LLC, corporation or other entity. The term animal, where it occurs in this ordinance, shall include, but not be limited to cattle, bovines, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, waterfowl, as well as domesticated strains of buffalo or bison, llamas, alpacas, emus, ostriches, yaks, elk, fallow deer, red deer and reindeer, equines and canines.

Running at Large: The above referenced animal(s) in which: trespass onto property of another, town roads/streets (regardless if maintained by the Town of Barrington or the State of New Hampshire), public property or lands, highways or other areas not owned by the animal(s) owner.

1.Permitting animals(s) to run at large:

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to knowingly, voluntarily, negligently or willfully permit any such animal to run at large in the Town of Barrington wither upon the premises of another or upon the public lands, highways, roads or streets (whether maintained by the State of New Hampshire of Town of Barrington).

(b) Nothing in this section or elsewhere in this ordinance shall it be construed to make it unlawful to run animals at large on the premises of another when the owner or person in charge of the premises has consented in writing to allow the animal(s) onto his/her property. The

animals must be contained to the consenting person's property only, in order to mitigate penalties of this ordinance.

2.Owner of animal(s) liability from resulting damage:

(a) The owner of such animal running at large, shall be liable for any and all damages done to crops, lawns, trees, ornamental shrubs, flowers or any other property belonging to any person. Damages are to be recovered through any court of competent jurisdiction. The owner of any animal may be held liable for any damages to any motor vehicle or any occupant thereof suffered, caused by or resulting from a collision with such stock or other animal, if it is proven that such owner knowingly or willfully or negligently allowed such animal upon such public highway, road or street where such damages were occasioned.

3.Recovery of animal(s) by owner:

(a) The Owner of the recovered animal(s) shall be responsible for any pick-up, boarding, medical or sustenance provided by the animal shelter caring for such animals in the event that the animals are recovered by any approved organization such as the Society to Prevent Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). In this instance, the Town of Barrington, shall not be held liable for charges or damages.

Civil Penalty: A monetary fine of up to $1000.00 may be imposed for such infractions of this ordinance by the court.

Adopted by Town Meeting March 11, 2014 and signed by Board of Selectmen March 17, 2014

Witness: