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# Town of Hopkinton

HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND 02833

## RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON IN SUPPORT OF AN ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON TO INCREASE THE FEES AND FINES ASSOCIATED WITH ANIMAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopkinton provides animal control services within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the fees and fines associated with animal control are insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Town's fines for violations of its ordinances related to animal control are as low as \$10.00 per offense; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple repeat violators of the Town's ordinances related to animal control who may only be fined, at most, \$25.00 per offense; and

WHEREAS, a \$25.00 fine has proven ineffective to deter repeat violation of the Town's ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the costs for boarding animals have increased substantially since 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Town is able to charge only \$2.00 per day for impounded animals; and

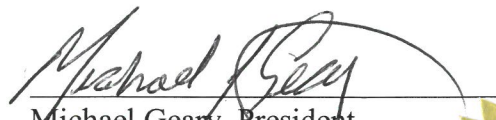
WHEREAS, it costs the Town substantially in excess of \$2.00 per day to board impounded animals; and

WHEREAS, the Town's daily fee for impounding animals is so low that it provides little incentive for owners to timely collect their animals, further increasing costs for the Town;

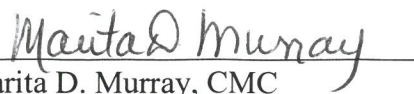
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopkinton Town Council supports an Act of the General Assembly amending G.L. 1956 § 4-13-1 and 4-13-15 to authorize the Town of Hopkinton to increase its fee and fine schedule in accordance with the amendment to the Town's Animal Control Ordinance attached as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Hopkinton's members of the RI General Assembly.

Passed as a Resolution of the Hopkinton Town Council this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council



ATTEST:   
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**RI Animal Control Fines  
By Municipality**

**Standard \$10/\$15/\$25**

<b>City/Town</b>	<b>1st Offense Fine Amount</b>	<b>2nd Offense Fine Amount</b>	<b>3rd Offense Fine Amount</b>	<b>Daily Impoundment Fine</b>
Hopkinton- Proposed	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$25.00
Hopkinton- Old Fines	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$2.00