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**TOWN OF BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND STATE LAW BY ALLOWING THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON TO INCREASE THE FINES FOR VIOLATION OF DOG ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 4-13-1(b)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws authorizes the Barrington Town Council to enact an ordinance prescribing fines for violation of dog ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the statute provides that the fine for the first, second, and third/subsequent offenses within a calendar year shall be no more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), fifty dollars (\$50.00), and seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has authorized other municipalities to impose fines in excess of these amounts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Barrington desires to increase the fines for violation of dog ordinances, so that the fine for the first, second, and third/subsequent offenses within a calendar year shall be no more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), one hundred dollars (\$100), and one hundred fifty dollars (\$150), respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in fines for violation of dog ordinances will promote public safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Barrington Town Council hereby petitions the Rhode Island General Assembly to enact the legislation attached hereto during the 2026 session of the General Assembly, allowing the Town of Barrington to increase the maximum fines for violation of dog ordinances; and
2. A copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the Town's delegation in the General Assembly.

ATTEST:

Adopted January 5, 2026, by the Barrington Town Council

  
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 Braxton Cloutier,  
 Barrington Town Council President

  
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 Stephanie Bernardo, CMC  
 Town Clerk