

TOWN OF CONCORD MASSACHUSETTS CAT BYLAW

Article 60. Ms. Lodynsky moves that the Town vote to take affirmative action under Article 60 as printed below.

Section 1. PURPOSE OF THIS BYLAW

The purpose of this bylaw is to have a mechanism in place regarding free-roaming pet cats.

a. this bylaw encourages cat owners/keepers keep their cats indoors or within the boundaries of their property, and pertains to domestic, pet cats only.

Section 2. TRESPASS

a. no owner or keeper of a cat shall allow his/her cat to enter onto the property of a neighbor if the neighbor has expressed objection;

b. no person shall allow his/her cat to disturb the peace of neighbors or private property, or endanger the safety of any other person or pet;

c. if a cat owner/keeper has been informed by a law enforcement officer or Animal Control Officer that his/her cat was disturbing a neighbor or property of another, this constitutes a First Offense.

Section 3. VIOLATIONS

The owner of a cat(s) who violates any section of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine for each offense as specified in Appendix A of the Regulations for the Enforcement of Town Bylaws under M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D and the Bylaw for Non-Criminal Disposition of Violations adopted under Article 47 of the 1984 Town Meeting, as amended. The Animal Control Officer may issue a separate and additional fine each day for a continuing or recurring violation.

Appendix A of the Non-Criminal Disposition Bylaw shall be amended for said violations above and will include, on an annual basis: 1st Offense = Warning; 2nd Offense = \$25; 3rd Offense = \$50; Subsequent offense = remedial actions as directed by ACO and all parties involved.

or take any other action relative thereto.

* effective January 1, 2014, subject to approval of the Attorney General