

Gloucester City Council
CERTIFICATE OF VOTE
Certificate Number: 2016-237

The Gloucester City Council, at a meeting held on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. in the Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall, voted to approve the following:

IN CITY COUNCIL:

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to make permanent GCO Article 2 "Dogs" Sections 4-15, 4-16, 4-19 and 4-20.


Joanne M. Senos, City Clerk

Date: **DEC 15 2016**


APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

Sefatia Romeo Theken

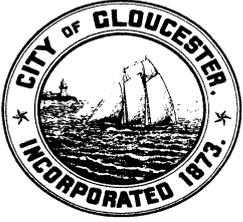
VETOED BY THE MAYOR

Sefatia Romeo Theken

SIGNED THIS 15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016

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Emergency Orders and Zoning Amendments shall become effective the next day.


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Gloucester City Council
CERTIFICATE OF VOTE
Certificate Number: 2015-202

The Gloucester City Council, at a meeting held on **Tuesday, October 13, 2015** at 7:00 p.m. in the Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall, voted to approve the following:

IN CITY COUNCIL:

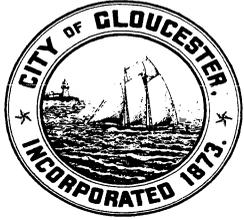
MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, that the vote of the City Council taken on November 18, 2014 to amend the Code of Ordinances, 4-15, 4-16, 4-19 and 4-20 be reenacted with an effective date of November 18, 2015 and extended to December 18, 2016.


Linda T. Lowe, City Clerk

Date: 10/15/15

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Gloucester City Council

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

Certificate Number: 2014-337

The Gloucester City Council, at a meeting held on **Tuesday, November 18, 2014** at 7:00 p.m. in the Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall, voted to approve the following:

IN CITY COUNCIL:

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Verga, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to Amend GCO c. 4, Animals, Art. 2 “Dogs” Sections 4-15, 4-16, 4-19, and 4-20 as follows:

Section 4-15. Running at large prohibited.

- (a) No person owning or keeping a dog in the city shall permit such dog at any time to run at large in the city (unless expressly authorized under Sec. 4-16a or Sec. 4-16d). Each incident in which a dog, licensed or unlicensed, is on public or private property without authorization and is not under the direct control of its owner by a leash not exceeding six feet in length shall be a violation of this section.

Section 4-16a. Dogs allowed on public beaches at certain times.

Dogs shall be prohibited from public beaches from May 1 to September 30 annually. Dogs shall be allowed on public beaches from October 1 to April 30 annually and shall be under the control of the owner or keeper. In addition, unleashed dogs shall be allowed on Good Harbor Beach and Wingaersheek Beach from: October 1 to April 30, annually, subject to the following conditions:

Off leash all day on even-numbered days at Good Harbor Beach and odd-numbered days at Wingaersheek Beach.

1. Owners must remain with and monitor their dogs. Owners, per the below conditions, define person with direct care, custody, and control of a dog while in a designated off-leash area.
2. Dogs must be licensed and vaccinated as required by applicable law and ordinance.
3. Dogs must wear their tags and have no contagious conditions, diseases or parasites.
4. Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting a designated off-leash area.
5. Dogs and humans are not allowed in the dunes.
6. Dogs with a history of dangerous or aggressive behavior as determined by the Animal Control Officer are prohibited.
7. Dogs younger than four (4) months are not allowed.
8. Unaltered male dogs or female dogs in heat are not allowed.
9. Owners must immediately remove dogs who are exhibiting aggressive behavior.
10. Owners must carry a leash; one leash per dog is required.
11. Maximum of two (2) unleashed dogs per owner.
12. Owners must have in their possession an adequate number of poop bags, or other appropriate device for removal of their dog(s) waste.
13. Owners must clean up after their dogs and dispose of the waste in an appropriate waste container.
14. Owners must fill in any holes dug by their dog(s).
15. Any violation of conditions 1 through 12 and 14 above shall be subject to a fine of \$50 for each offense. Any violations of condition 13 above shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for each offense; and dogs(s) may have off-leash privileges revoked by Animal Control.

16. Unless renewed by the City Council and signed by the Mayor, the provisions of this section shall expire on December 18, 2015."

Fines for violations will be double in season for beaches and other off-leash areas as determined.

Section 4-16d. Off-leash dog areas.

Unless otherwise expressly authorized under this ordinance, the department of public works director may designate, with the approval of the mayor and the city council, specific lands for use as off-leash dog areas, with their operation being subject to regulations enacted pursuant to Section 7-16(b) of the City Charter.

Section 4-19. Redemption of impounded dogs.

(a) No dog confined for a violation of this article shall be released to its owner or keeper except as provided herein. The dog officer shall issue to the owner or keeper of any such dog a citation for the violation of this article. The violations shall bear a fine of the following:

(1) For the first and subsequent offenses: \$50.00

(b) In the case of the first and each succeeding violation, no dog shall be released prior to the receipt by the dog officer of due notice of the payment of the fine for all outstanding notices of violation or of the deposit of the amount of the fines as a security for the payment of said fines and proof of valid license. In every case in which the owner or keeper refuses to pay such fines or a deposit for security for such fines, the dog shall be held until a hearing on the charged violation has been held and the owner shall be liable for all confinement charges as provided herein. As used in this subsection, the term "outstanding notices of violation" shall include only those notices of violation resulting in confinement.

Section 4-20. Pound; dog officer.

- (a) The city shall make provisions to shelter stray dogs, dogs impounded due to violations of this article, or dogs rescued from danger or distress. The operation of the shelter shall incorporate the regular services of a licensed veterinarian.
- (b) The city shall make provision for the services of at least one fulltime dog officer, whose duty it shall be to enforce the provisions of this article, of the licensing laws relevant to dogs, and of other relevant commonwealth law. The dog officer shall have the power to decide on the merit of complaints of citizens with regard to what they feel are nuisance dogs and issue citations to owners which, unless appealed under commonwealth law, shall be referred to the district court if citation is ignored. The dog officer shall have the authority to prioritize responses to complaints or other notifications of violations based on their emergency or non-emergency nature. Emergency complaints or notifications are those in which there is imminent threat to the life, health or safety of humans or dogs. All other complaints or notifications of violations are non-emergency.

Linda T. Lowe 11/24/14
Linda T. Lowe, City Clerk

Date: **NOV 24 2014**

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR
Carolyn A. Kirk
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VETOED BY THE MAYOR

Carolyn A. Kirk

SIGNED THIS 24 DAY OF NOV, 2014

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Jeanne M. Senoo
CITY CLERK