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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ANIMAL USAGE
OF TOWN PARK PROPERTY (“LEASH LAW”)**

- 1.It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, walking or in control of any dog or other animal to take such animal on to property owned or controlled by the Town of Essex for park purposes, unless such dog or other animal is carried by such person, or is controlled by such person by a leash, cord, chain or like restraint.
- 2.The Town of Essex, acting through its Parks and Recreation Commission, may designate all or any area of property owned or controlled by the Town of Essex for park purposes upon which it shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, walking or in control of any dog or other animal to take such animal on to such designated property or area.
- 3.The Town of Essex, acting through its Parks and Recreation, may designate all or any area of property owned or controlled by the Town of Essex for park purposes upon which the above “leash law” provisions shall not apply.
- 4.The provisions of sections 1 and 2 shall not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind person.
- 5.The areas designated under Sections 2 and 3 shall be identified by appropriate signage.
- 6.Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of Thirty-five (\$35.00) and 00/100 Dollars.
7. This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication thereof in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Essex.

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