02013-01 AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE CONTROL OF ANIMALS IN THE TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN

Sections: 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04 and 1.09 originated November 12, 2002.

Section: 1.05 added as an amendment to the original ordinance on June 11, 2013

- 1.01 Restraint of dogs
- 1.02 Impoundment
- 1.03 Collection of penalty by Animal Control Officer, Designation
- 1.04 Determination of offenses; keeping in the books
- 1.05 Control of dog feces
- 1.99 Penalty

1.01 RESTRAINT OF DOGS.

Every person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any dog shall keep such dog exclusively upon his own premises; provided, however, that such dog may be off such premises if it is under the control of a person physically able to control it and restrained by a leash, chain, rope or other means of adequate physical control.

1.02 IMPOUNDMENT.

In addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, a dog is subject to impoundment and all other applicable provisions of the County Animal Control Ordinance if the dog is found off the premises of the person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of such dog and is not under the control of a person physically able to control it by leash, chain, rope or other means of adequate physical control. (Note: This provision currently is applied by Davie County only to dogs without collars and tags)

1.03 COLLECTION OF PENALTY BY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, DESIGNATION

The Animal Control Officer of the Town of Bermuda Run is authorized to collect and appropriate penalty if an animal is in violation of this chapter. The Town Manager of Bermuda Run is hereby designated its Animal Control Officer and may employ such persons as are deemed appropriate for the collection of animals.

1.04 DETERMINATION OF OFFENSES; KEEPING IN BOOKS

For the purpose of determining how many offenses have been committed, and for determining the appropriate penalty, each offense shall remain on the books of the Animal Control Officer for a period of three years. Subsequent to three years expiration, the offenses shall be removed from the books.

1.05 **CONTROL OF DOG FECES** (Amended June 11, 2013)

- (A) It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any dog to take it off the owner's own property limits without the means to properly remove and dispose of the dog's feces from any public or private property.
- (B) It is the responsibility of a dog's owner or custodian to clean up the dog's feces from any public or private property outside of the dog owner's own property limits. Such property includes, but is not limited to, parks, rights-of-way, paths and public access areas.
- (C) "Means to properly remove and dispose of feces" shall consist of having on or near one's Person a device such as a plastic bag, or other suitable plastic or paper container, that can be used to fully clean up and contain dog waste until it can be disposed of in an appropriate container. Such a device must be shown, upon request, to anyone authorized to enforce this ordinance.
- (D) This provision shall not apply to handicapped persons assisted by trained guide or assistance dogs.

1.99 PENALTY.

The penalties for violation of this chapter shall be as follows:

(A)	First violation -	\$50
(B)	Second violation -	\$75

(C) Third and subsequent violations - \$100

Amendment to original ordinance of November 12, 2002 adopted this the Eleventh day of June, 2013.

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