

Ordinance Number: 7/2005 - 1

**An Ordinance to Amend the Louisburg Town Code**  
**RE: Dogs**

**Whereas**, Pursuant to the authority granted by the North Carolina General Assembly, amendments to the animal control chapter are enacted to regulate, restrict, or prohibit, if necessary, animals; to protect the public from unvaccinated, diseased, stray, roaming, dangerous, or wild animals; to make unlawful acts of animals that interfere with the enjoyment of property or the peace and safety of the community, and to carry out any other lawful duties authorized by state laws and applicable ordinances; and,

**Whereas**, in dense population environments such as an urban setting, domestic animals may have an increased impact on the peace and tranquility and increased sanitary related impacts on neighborhoods; and,

**Whereas**, it is the desire of the Louisburg Town Council to maintain a community where the rights and privileges of both animal owners and neighbors are always mutually enjoyed.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Louisburg as follows:**

That Chapter 5 “Animals”, Article II. “Dogs”, Division 1 – Generally, of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Louisburg, North Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows:

***Sec. 5 - 17.5***

**Keeping and penning**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, to keep custody of or to take care of five (5) or more dogs, four (4) months or older, on property located within the Town of Louisburg. In the event that a litter of puppies are born to any of the four allowed animals on the premise, those puppies shall be maintained within the residence on the property until the age of four months, at which time the limits of this section shall apply. Exceptions to this section include commercial activities such as Kennels and Veterinary Hospitals and Services as allowed within the guidelines of the Louisburg Zoning Ordinance and the specific associated zoning districts.

***Sec. 5 – 17.6***

**Investigations**

It shall be the responsibility of either the Louisburg Animal Control Officer or Code Enforcement Officer, after receiving two (2) documented and substantiated complaints by residents within 500 ft. of the premise on which the dogs are kept, to investigate the compliance of the subject property with Section 5-17.5 and determine if a violation of Section 5-17.5 exists. Upon determination that a violation exists, the Officer shall notify the residence, by certified mail or hand delivered notice- written receipt acknowledged, that the violation exists. Such notice of violation shall direct the residence to comply with Section 5-17.5 within fourteen (14) days from the date of receipt of the notice of violation. Failure to comply with the Notice of Violation shall subject the residence to the imposition of all fines and/or penalties as established in Section 5-23; and,

That Section 5-23 “Violations and enforcement” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Louisburg, North Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**(3) *Additional remedies*** - In addition, enforcement of this Chapter may be by injunction, restraining order or abatement in a court of competent jurisdiction as provided in G.S. 160A-175.

***Adopted this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005 and made Effective the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2005.***

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Karl T. Pernell, Mayor

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Carolyn D. Patterson, Town Clerk  
Town of Louisburg