

TOWN OF COVENTRY  
NOTICE  
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council will be in session at the Town Hall, Council Chambers, 1670 Flat River Road, Coventry, Rhode Island on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for considering the proposed Amendments to:

**CHAPTER 97-13 Unrestricted and vicious dogs prohibited**

[Amended 3-10-2008 by Ord. No. 01-08-267]

**WHEREAS** The Town Council ("Council") is the governing body of Coventry and is authorized to promulgate and enforce Ordinances and enact Policies, to promote the peace, safety, and general welfare of the Town;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS: It is ordained by the Town of Coventry Council of the Town of Coventry to amend as follows:**

**A.**

The owner of any dog shall keep such dog under restraint at all times and shall not permit such dog to be at large within the Town.

**B.**

Whenever it shall be affirmed in writing by any two persons having separate residence or regularly employed in the neighborhood or if the Animal Control Officer, the police or the Animal Control Officer's assistants determine, in their judgment, that any animal is being vicious or, by its actions, potentially vicious or if the animal displays vicious actions, such as biting or attacking a human or any animal, the Animal Control Officer, the police and the Animal Control Officer's assistants shall have the authority to issue violations and/or impound said animal and/or service notice upon the owner or custodian that such vicious action must be abated.

**C.**

It is unlawful for any owner of a dog to place that dog or allow it to be placed in the custody of any other person not physically capable of maintaining effective control of restricting the dog.

**D.**

The penalty for violating the provisions of this section shall be a fine not exceeding \$250.

The penalty for violating sections A and C of this section shall be; First offense not less than \$25.00. Second offense not less than \$50.00. Third offense not less than \$100.00.

Any additional offense after shall require an appearance at Coventry Municipal Court.

The penalty for violating section B of this section shall require an appearance at Coventry Municipal Court.

If approved, this Ordinance will take effect upon passage.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk's Office at 822-9173 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Per Order of the Town Council

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Joanne P. Amitrano, Town Clerk