

Good afternoon,

As warmer (and hopefully drier) weather approaches, people will be out and about more and more. This e-blast is to remind homeowners with pets to be sure they pick up after their dog if it defecates. This is not just a good idea, it is the law. In fact, there is a Town ordinance that requires people walking their dogs are required to be in possession of a bag or container to hold said feces.

Sec. 4-1. - Animal sanitation.

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(a)

Any person owning, harboring, walking, in possession of or in charge of a dog which defecates on public property, public park property, public right-of-way or any private property without the permission of the private property owner, shall remove all feces immediately after it is deposited by the dog. All feces removed in accordance with this section shall be placed in a suitable bag or other container that closes and disposed of in a lawful manner.

(b)

Any person, while harboring, walking, in possession of or in charge of a dog on public property, public park property, public right-of-way or any private property without the permission of the private property owner, shall have in his or her possession a bag or other container that closes, which is suitable for removing feces deposited by the dog.

(c)

The provisions of this section shall not apply to blind persons using dogs as guides.

(Ord. No. 03, 4-3-01, § 1; Ord. No. 05, 8-21-01, § 1)

The HOA, with the help of the Beautification Committee, has placed dog waste stations around the neighborhood (on HOA owned common ground), and a service is employed to empty the waste cans and keep the stations stocked with bags. This is a service provided by the HOA for the convenience of our members (homeowners). Please take advantage of it.

Kindest Regards,

Bella Casa Board of Directors