

TOWN OF GORHAM WILD ANIMAL ORDINANCE

The Town of Gorham is a resort and recreational community with a large number of transient visitors and guests. It borders, not only the Androscoggin River, but also the White Mountain National Forest which is home to an ever-increasing wildlife population. This **Ordinance** is enacted in an effort to assist our residents and guests in peacefully coexisting with the wild animals upon whose habitat we are infringing. This **Ordinance** is intended to, primarily; enhance freedom and safety of movement in public areas of the Town.

In recognition that these animals are wild and should be left alone for the welfare and safety of both animals and our residents and guests, it is hereby enacted by the Board of Selectmen on August 10, 2009 that:

1. All domestic and commercial refuse must be placed in one of the following:
 - a. A building, house or garage that is inaccessible to wildlife.
 - b. A wildlife-resistant container (commercial dumpsters that are secured with a locking mechanism).
 - c. A container that is placed in a wildlife-resistant enclosure.
2. All refuse that is placed for curbside pickup shall not be placed at the curb until 5:00 AM on the actual day of pickup.

The provisions of this **Ordinance** shall apply to all persons and businesses located in the Town of Gorham except those licensed by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Fish & Game.

Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this **Ordinance** shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00.

A person may choose to pay a civil forfeiture of **\$25.00** to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector within forty-eight (48) hours of the time of notice of violation and shall thereby waive the right to be heard in District Court and shall not be prosecuted for that offense. For each subsequent offense by the same person or business, the amount of civil forfeiture shall be **\$50.00**. However, civil forfeiture *may not be paid* after three (3) offenses in one (1) year, but rather, their case shall be disposed of by District Court proceedings and fines.

THE TOWN OF GORHAM
BY ITS BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON AUGUST 10, 2009

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