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**REGULATION FOR THE REMOVAL
AND DISPOSAL OF CANINE WASTE**

SECTION 1 – AUTHORITY

1. These regulations are made pursuant to Chapter III of the Massachusetts General Laws Section 31 to protect the public health of the residents of the Town of Hopedale.
2. Evidence demonstrates that canine waste can cause serious health problems.

SECTION 1 – REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF CANINE WASTE

A. Removal; Disposal

It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his/her dog on any sidewalk, gutters, street, park or other public area or on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person. No person who owns, possesses or controls such dog shall appear with such dog on any sidewalk, gutter, street, park or other public area or on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person without the means of removal of any feces left by such dog. For the purposes of this Section, the means of removal shall be any tool, implement, or other device carried for the purpose of picking up or containing such feces in a manner that such feces shall be unexposed to said person or the public. Disposal shall be accomplished by transporting such feces to a suitable place.

B. Penalties

Any person who violates or permits a violation of the CHAPTER shall be subject to a fine of FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS to be assessed for each and every violation. All fines shall be payable to the Town of Hopedale through the Town Clerk's office. The Chief of Police may, as an alternative to initiating criminal proceedings, treat violations of this chapter in a non-criminal manner pursuant to the provision of M.G.L. Ch 40, sec 21D.