

§ 130-2. Dogs running at large.

- A. No dog shall run at large in the Town. Where any dog is found running at large in the Town, the owner or custodian of the dog shall be in violation of this section.
- B. For purposes of this section, a dog shall be deemed "running at large" when off the property or premises of its owner or custodian and not under the control of the owner or its custodian, or his agent, either by leash, cord or chain.
- C. For purposes of this section, "property or premises of its owner or custodian" shall not mean common areas of apartment complexes, townhouse complexes and the like, which areas are held in common ownership for all owners or tenants within the complex.
- D. The Animal Warden may take control of any dog found running at large within the Town limits and hold such dog at the Louisa County Animal Pound in accordance with the regulations for holding of all other such dogs at said pound.
- E. For the first two violations of this section, no civil or criminal penalty shall be imposed. An owner or custodian may retrieve any such dog found running at large from the animal pound by complying with all regulations for the retrieval of animals imposed by the animal pound, by paying all impoundment fees, and by paying any and all other fees imposed by said animal pound.
- F. For any third and subsequent violation of this section, there shall be imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$25 against said owner or custodian for each such violation, and the owner or custodian shall be required to comply with the provisions of Subsection E hereinabove.
- G. This section shall not apply to any person while engaged in law enforcement or search-and-rescue activity or in a supervised, formal obedience training class or show and during formally sanctioned field trials; provided, however, that it shall be a violation of this section for the owner or custodian of any such dog to place such dog or allow it to be placed in the custody of any other person not physically capable of maintaining effective control of such dog.