

**NOTICE OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COVENTRY  
ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS  
AND WOLF HYBRIDS WITHIN THE TOWN OF COVENTRY**


The Selectboard of Coventry has an ordinance regulating the keeping of dogs and wolf hybrids. By vote of the Selectboard, the former version has been replaced with an amended ordinance. A copy of the amended ordinance is available at the Town Office from the Town Administrator, who can answer questions about it and receive comments about it. Her mailing address is PO Box 8, Coventry 05825, and her phone number is (802) 754-2266.

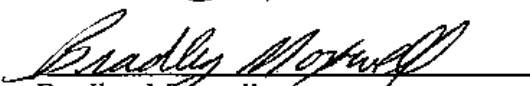
The purpose of the changes is to ensure that the regulation of dogs and wolf hybrids relating to disturbances and nuisances applies throughout the Town of Coventry, while the prohibition of their running at large remains limited to the village area. The former Section 3 has been divided into two parts, now Section 3, relating to the disturbances, and Section 4, prohibiting dogs from running at large.

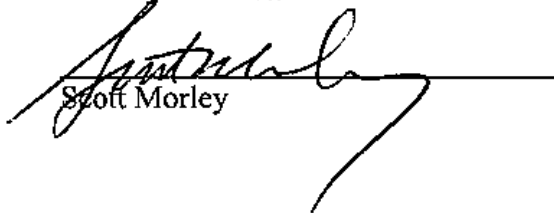
State law requires the board to give notice to the public after adoption, to provide an opportunity to petition for a town meeting to disapprove the ordinance. 24 V.S.A. § 1972. This ordinance may be disapproved by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the municipality voting on the question at an annual or special meeting duly warned for the purpose, pursuant to a petition signed by not less than five per cent of the qualified voters of the municipality, and presented to the legislative body or the clerk of the municipality within 44 days following the date of adoption of the ordinance or rule by the legislative body.

When a petition is submitted in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the legislative body shall call a special meeting within 60 days from the date of receipt of the petition, or include an article in the warning for the next annual meeting of the municipality if the annual meeting falls within the 60-day period, to determine whether the voters will disapprove the ordinance or rule. If a petition for an annual or a special meeting is duly submitted to determine whether this ordinance shall be disapproved by the voters of the municipality, the ordinance or rule shall take effect on the conclusion of the meeting, or at such later date as is specified in the ordinance or rule, unless a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question at the meeting vote to disapprove the ordinance or rule in which event it shall not take effect.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017, at Coventry, Vermont.

  
Michael Marcotte, Chair

  
Bradley Maxwell

  
Scott Morley

Attest: A True Record

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Town Clerk, Town of Coventry