

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2016

An Enactment Pursuant To The Authority Of 1-7 Of Local Law No. 1 of 2004 To Amend Chapter 87 Entitled 'Animals' Of The Code Of The Village Of St. Johnsville

I. FINDINGS. It is the determination of this Board of Trustees that because of the continual number of complaints received from members of the public, both homeowners and pedestrians, the penalty for dog violation issues under the 'Animals' Chapter of the Village Code should be more stringent than otherwise required for horses and cats.

II. AMENDMENTS. Until further amended by the Board of Trustees, Section 87-6 of Chapter 87 of the Village Code shall read, and is enacted, as follows:

A. Except as otherwise punishable as provided in Section 119 of the Agricultural and Markets Law, a violation of any provision of this Article shall be deemed a 'violation' as such term is defined in the Penal Law of the State of New York with the punishment of any person convicted of violating a provision of this Article to be as follows:

1. Regarding any 'dog' violation, a fine of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars and/or not more than fifteen (15) days imprisonment, all in addition to any pound fee required to redeem such animal as hereinabove provided.

2. Regarding any 'cat' or 'horse' violation, a fine not exceeding fifty (\$50.00) dollars for a first offense; a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for a second offense within one (1) year; and, a fine of not more than two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars and/or not more than fifteen (15) days imprisonment for the third or any subsequent offense within one (1) year, all in addition to any pound fee required to redeem such animal as hereinabove provided."

B. Metal signs advising the public in regard to the 'dog' penalties enacted herein shall be placed as soon as practicable at various locations throughout the Village but the effectiveness of these penalties shall not be delayed until such placement is completed."

III. REMAINING PROVISIONS. All remaining provisions of Chapter 87 of the Code of the Village of St. Johnsville shall remain in full force and effect as presently enacted.

IV. EFFECT. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.