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Article 29. Dog Control Bylaw: Expanded dog leash requirement; exception for "Off-Leash" Areas

Submitted by the Select Board/Dog Control Bylaw Review Committee

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Medfield Chapter 100 Animals as follows (**bold language** is new; ~~strike out language~~ is deletion)

§ 100-5. Restraint of dogs.

Any persons owning or harboring a dog shall not suffer or allow it to run at large in any of the streets or public ways, or places in the Town of Medfield, or upon the premises of anyone other than the owner or keeper, unless the owner or occupant of such premises grants permission. No dog shall be permitted in any public place or street within the Town of Medfield unless it is effectively restrained by a chain or leash **not more than seven (7) feet in length;** ~~or is attended by a person able to properly control its actions.~~**this prohibition shall not apply to posted "off-leash" areas that are listed on the Town's website.**

§ 100-5a. Maximum number of dogs per Walker

Maximum number of dogs per walker is five (5) when in any public place or street within the Town of Medfield. Each dog must be restrained by a leash or chain not more than seven (7) feet in length.

§ 100-5b. Off Leash requirements

A dog may be off-leash within the confines of a Town-designated and posted "off leash" area, if effectively under voice control of the animal's owner or *walker* provided that the dog shall be and remain, at all times, within said person's field of vision.

§ 100-10. Definitions

As used in this Bylaw, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

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A dog ~~which is unaccompanied by a person able to properly control its actions or~~ unrestrained by a leash or chain.

or do or act anything in relation thereto.
