
Sec. 14-28. Dogs not to be off owner's premises except when under control; enforcement.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any dog in this county to run at large at any time.
- (b) For the purpose of this section, a dog shall be deemed to be "running at large" while roaming or running off the property of its owner or custodian and not under its owner's or custodian's immediate control; provided, that no dog shall be deemed to be running at large in violation of this section if it shall be engaged in lawful hunting or training for hunting under the direction of its owner or custodian and shall thereafter stray from lawful hunting or training for hunting; or if the dog shall be engaged to assist farming activity, which is defined as raising, managing and using agricultural animals to provide food, fiber, or transportation, provided, that such owner or custodian shall place such dog under his immediate control within a reasonable time.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for the owner of a 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.
- (d) A violation of this section may result in such dog being taken into possession by the animal control officer and returned to the owner with a written warning.
- (e) A violation of this section shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor for the first offense.
- (f) A second violation of this section within one (1) year of a conviction of the first violation shall constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor.
- (g) A third or subsequent violation of this section within two (2) years of conviction of the second or subsequent violation shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

(Res. of 4-6-15(2015-87), Att.(§ 14-208); Res. of 5-2-22(2022-9), Att.; Ord. of 3-20-23(2023-5), Att.)

State law reference(s)—Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6538 and § 3.2-6539.

Sec. 14-29. Dogs running at large in certain subdivisions and other designated areas; penalty for violation.

- (a) The running at large of all dogs at any time is prohibited within the confines of the following subdivisions:
 - (1) Blue Ridge Shores Subdivision, Green Springs Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (2) Aspen Hill Subdivision, Mineral Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (3) Dogwood Lake Estates, Green Springs Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (4) Both Waters Subdivision, Cuckoo Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (5) Edgewood Bay Subdivision, Mineral Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (6) Overton Fork Property Subdivision, Cuckoo Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (7) Shorewood Property Subdivision, Cuckoo Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (8) Spring Woods Subdivision, Jackson Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (9) Bluewater Subdivision, Mineral Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (10) Hickory Creek Acres Subdivision, Green Springs Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (11) Noah's Landing, Jackson Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (12) Freshwater Estates, Mineral Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;

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- (13) Contrary Creek-Contrary Forest, Cuckoo Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (14) Willow Brook Estates, Jackson Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (15) Oak Grove Estates, Mineral Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (16) Hidden Hills Subdivision, Green Springs Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (17) Orchid Lake Estates, Inc., Cuckoo Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (18) Reedy Creek I, II and III Subdivision, Patrick Henry Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia;
 - (19) Tara Woods Subdivision, Cuckoo Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia; and
 - (20) Shenandoah Crossing Subdivision, Green Springs Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia.
 - (21) Pine Harbour Subdivision, Cuckoo Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia.
 - (22) Mountain Brook Estates, Green Springs Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia.
 - (23) Spring Creek; Gated Community, Green Springs Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia.
 - (24) The Waters at Lake Anna Subdivision, Cuckoo Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia.
- (b) The running at large of all dogs at any time is also prohibited within the confines of the following portions of the county:
- (1) Mineral Trailer Park, commonly known as "MTP," Mineral Magisterial District, Louisa County, Virginia; Tax Map # 43-5-B.
- (c) For the purposes of this section, a dog shall be deemed to run at large while such dog is roaming, self-hunting off the property of its owner or custodian and not under its owner's or custodian's immediate control; provided, that no dog shall be deemed to be running at large in violation of this section if it shall be engaged in lawful hunting outside of such subdivision under the direction of its owner or custodian and shall thereafter stray into such subdivision; provided, that such owner or custodian shall place such dog under his immediate control within a reasonable time.
- (d) Any person who permits his dog to run at large in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$150.00 for each occurrence.

(Res. of 4-6-15(2015-87), Att.(§ 14-209); Res. of 4-6-15(2015-93), Att.; Res. of 9-8-15(2015-219); Res. of 7-5-17(2017-5); Res. of 1-6-20(2020-1); Res. of 9-8-2020(2020-8), Att.; Res. of 6-21-21(21-131), Att.)

State law reference(s)—Code of Virginia, §§ 3.2-6538, 3.2-6543.

Section 14.30 - Impoundment of animals running at large

Any animal, other than a dog, cat, or wild animal, found running at large in the county, may be taken by the animal control officer, or other officer, and impounded at the animal pound or other facility, and thereafter disposed of under the same terms and conditions as prescribed in Sec. 14-4. for companion animals.

State law reference(s)—Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6538

Secs. 14-31—14-40. Reserved.