Duty to Dispose of Canine Waste - Ordinance

No person shall fail to immediately remove and lawfully dispose of any feces left in any street, sidewalk, esplanade, park or other public, or city-owned property by a dog owned or controlled by such person or under his/her control.

It is also a violation of this ordinance for a person to allow a canine under his/her control to defecate on any private property not owned by the owner of the canine or without the permission of the property owner.

Note: Private property includes all private dwellings and business property.

Enforcement

The provisions of this ordinance may be enforced by the Chief of Police or any Police Officer of the City of Eastport.

Penalties for Violation

Violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a minimum penalty of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for a first offense.

A second offense of this ordinance shall be punished by a minimum penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00).

The minimum penalty for a third offense and subsequent offenses under this ordinance shall be five hundred dollars ($500.00).

Exemption

A reasonable effort should be made by a person not to allow a canine in his/her control to defecate on property not owned by that person owning/controlling the canine. If the owner/person controlling the canine makes a reasonable attempt to remove the feces of that canine in a timely manner they may not be held in violation of this ordinance.

This regulation shall not apply to a dog accompanying any handicapped person who, by reason of his/her handicap, is physically unable to comply with the requirements of this section.