

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 09-0322**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Cole, Curran, Reisinger, D'Adamo, Henry, Welch,  
Holton, Spector, Young, Branch, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmember Conaway  
Introduced and read first time: April 20, 2009  
Assigned to: Public Safety and Health Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: May 18, 2009

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**~~Leash Law~~ Animal Control – Environmental and Civil Citations –  
Off-Leash Recreation Areas**

FOR the purpose of reducing certain civil penalties for violating certain animal control law requirements ~~for leashes or other restraints~~; authorizing the designation of areas in which, during certain hours, off-leash recreation is permitted; and providing for a special effective date.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Section(s) 40-14(e)(7)(Title 10, ~~Subtitle 3~~) and 41-14(6)(Title 10, ~~Subtitle 3~~)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

By repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article - Health  
Section 10-307(b)  
Baltimore City Revised Code  
(Edition 2000)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

**Subtitle 40. Environmental Control Board**

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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§ 40-14. Violations to which subtitle applies.

(e) Provisions and penalties enumerated.

(7) Health Code

Title 10: Animal Control and Protection

Subtitle 2: Licensing

Part I. Dog and Cat Licenses ~~[\$250]~~ \$100

Part II. Facility Licenses

PRIVATE KENNELS \$100

ALL OTHER FACILITIES \$250

Subtitle 3: General Care and Control

§ 10-301. Rabies vaccinations ~~\$500~~ \$250

§ 10-302. Reporting possible rabies exposure ~~\$500~~ \$250

§ 10-303. HUMANE CARE REQUIRED \$200

§ 10-306. OWNER TO PREVENT NUISANCE \$200

§ 10-307. RESTRAINTS REQUIRED \$250

1<sup>ST</sup> OFFENSE \$200

2<sup>ND</sup> OFFENSE WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF 1<sup>ST</sup> \$400

3<sup>RD</sup> OFFENSE WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF 1<sup>ST</sup> \$600

§ 10-313. ANIMAL WASTE \$200

All other provisions \$1,000

Subtitle 4: Animal Protection

§ 10-403. Abuse of animal \$500

§ 10-406. Animal fights

Generally \$500

Dogfights \$1,000

All other provisions \$1,000

Subtitle 5: Animal Disturbing Peace [\$1,000] \$200

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1	<u>Subtitle 6: Wild and Dangerous Animals</u>	
2	<u>§ 10-601. Attack dogs</u>	<u>\$500</u>
3	<u>All other provisions</u>	<u>\$250</u>
4	<u>Subtitle 7: Vicious Dogs</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
5	<u>Subtitle 9: Horse Riding and Driving</u>	<u>\$200</u>

**Subtitle 41. Civil Citations**

**§ 41-14. Offenses to which subtitle applies – Listing.**

**(6) *Health Code***

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5	<u>Dogfights</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
6	<u>All other provisions</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
7	<u>Subtitle 5: Animal Disturbing Peace</u>	<u>[\$1,000] \$200</u>
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**Baltimore City Revised Code**

**Article – Health**

**Title 10. Animal Control and Protection**

**§ 10-307. Restraints required.**

(b) Dogs.

(1) [All] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ALL dogs must be kept:

(i) [(1)] confined in a building or secure enclosure; or

(ii) [(2)] secured by a leash or otherwise.

(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY IN AN AREA AND DURING HOURS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS FOR OFF-LEASH RECREATION.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City