

APPENDIX V

PET POLICY

Policy

Household pets, as commonly understood, in reasonable number per household, are welcome to Belmont.

Owners and their renters must ensure that their pets are neither an inconvenience nor a danger to the community. Dogs must be leashed when walked in the neighborhood. (“He won’t hurt anyone...” is not acceptable, because many people experience fear of animals.) Owners and their renters need pick up after their pets. Dogs should not be left unattended during the day if they bark incessantly. Owner property need be appropriately secured, so pets do not escape, unattended into the community.

The Board, after reasonable requests and warning, reserves the right to prohibit owners who violate this policy from retaining pets in Belmont.

Reason for Policy

Both the by-laws and covenants establish guidelines for household pets, This policy implements those guidelines.

Members have complained about dogs running unleashed throughout Belmont. Many of these members experience fear of animals. Belmont’s pathways and roads are frequently used for walking to and from the beach and for walking/jogging exercise. This activity is encouraged. Like most walking areas, it is expected that persons using them with their household pets then clean up after the pets with a proper bag or other receptacle and then deposit the feces in a trash receptacle on their own property.