



## **The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011**

The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 2012 (S.R. 2012 No. [114])

## **The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Mid and East Antrim Borough Council) Order 2015**

**Mid and East Antrim Borough Council hereby makes the following Order:**

### **Commencement**

1. This Order comes into operation on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2016**.

### **Application**

2. This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule.

### **Offence**

3. (1) If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and any person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove forthwith the faeces from the land, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless—
  - (a) the person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
  - (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to the person failing to do so.
- (2) Nothing in this Article applies to a person who—
  - (a) is registered as blind or partially sighted in Northern Ireland in a register maintained by, or on behalf of, a health and social services trust;
  - (b) is registered as blind or partially sighted in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
  - (c) has a disability which affects the person's sight, mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which the person relies for assistance.
- (3) For the purposes of this Article—
  - (a) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;

- (b) placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be a sufficient removal from the land; and
- (c) being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;
- (d) each of the following is a “prescribed charity” –
  - (i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454);
  - (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281);
  - (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680);
  - (iv) Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (registered charity number 209617).

### **Penalty**

4. A person guilty of an offence under Article 3 is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2015

The Common Seal of Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Affixed hereto in the presence of:-

**Anne Donaghy**  
Chief Executive

**Billy Ashe**  
Mayor of Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

### **Schedule**

This Order applies to all land within the Borough of Mid and East Antrim (formerly the boroughs of Larne, Carrickfergus and Ballymena) (including beaches and the foreshore down to low water mark), which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment.

Land shall be treated as “open to the air” notwithstanding that it is covered if it is open to the air on at least one side.