

Animal Control Ordinance

Dogs and their Custodians

Dogs and their custodians must obey the ‘Animal Control Ordinance’ as adopted by Washington County (Ordinance #2012-33, effective January 1, 2013) or be subject to the penalties/fines in that Ordinance. The City recommends that all dog owners review that Ordinance (www.washco-md.net/shared_docs/ords_res/2012/OD-2012-33.pdf), and we wish to emphasize the following guidelines for the behavior of dogs and their owners in the City of Hagerstown (‘Articles’ referenced below are from the Animal Control Ordinance):

1. Dogs must be leashed at all times when off the property of its Owner (Article V, Section 27).
2. Dogs on the premises of another property must have permission of that property owner or lessee (Article V, Section 27).
3. Dog owners/custodians must immediately clean up after their dogs (Article V, Section 28)

Please view the Hagerstown Parks & Recreation website for more guidelines about the behavior of dogs and the responsibilities of their owners in the parks of the City of Hagerstown.

