AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION B. ANIMAL CONTROL OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO

THAT WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vanceboro deems it advisable and in the public interest to amend the zoning ordinance of the Town of Vanceboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That Section 8-2 "Animals Running at Large" of Section B. Animal Control of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Vanceboro shall replace Section 8-2 in its entirety and inserting the following in its stead:

"Section 8-2 Animals Running at Large

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to allow or permit such animal to be away from the premises of the custodian, or in a public place or on any public property in the town, unless the animal is under restraint. An animal is under restraint within the meaning of this section if:

- (1) It is on or within a vehicle being driven or parked;
- (2) It is within a secure enclosure;
- (3) It is controlled by means of a visible attended leash; or
- (4) It is on the premises of the custodian.

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any animal to run at large so as such animal shall create a nuisance. An animal shall running at large shall be deemed creating a nuisance by:

- 1) Obstruction traffic
- 2) Creating damage to the property of any person
- 3) Overturning or entering any trash receptable so as to result in the spreading of contents
- 4) Causing a disruption to the path of any person by causing fear to said person by barking, snarling, or snapping.

Violations of this section shall subject the owner to a civil penalty as follows:

First offense: Verbal Warning

Second offense: \$100.00

Third and subsequent offenses: \$250.00

The offender shall be issued a written citation which must be paid to the town within ten (10) days of receiving the written citation. If the offender fails to pay the civil penalty within ten (10) days of receiving the written citation, the civil penalty may be recovered by the town in a civil action in the nature of a debt.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK