



Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment  
(Northern Ireland) Act 2011

## The Dog Control Orders

(Prescribed offences and penalties, etc.)

Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (S.R. 2012 No. 114)

**Notice is hereby given** that Belfast City Council intends to make a Dog Control Order pursuant to Part 5 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment (Northern Ireland) Act 2011.

**Offence:** The proposed Order relates to the fouling of land by dogs and the removal of dog faeces. It will replace the current provisions within the Litter (NI) Order 1994 in respect of permitting a dog to foul. A person who without reasonable excuse breaches the Order shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000. A person shall not have committed an offence if he can prove that the owner, occupier or other person having control of the land has consented to his breaching the Order.

**Land in respect of which the Order is to apply:** The Order will apply to all land within the Belfast City Council administrative boundary. It applies to all land which is open to the air, and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

The Order will not apply to land held by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the purposes of any of its functions under the Forestry Act (Northern Ireland) 2010.

**Inspecting the Order:** The proposed Order, and the map outlining the area to which the Order will apply, may be inspected free of charge on Belfast City Council's website ([www.belfastcity.gov.uk/dogwardens](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/dogwardens)) or at City Hall between 10am and 5pm Monday – Friday.

**Representations:** If any person wishes to make a representation in respect of the proposed Order, they may do so no later than 28 days after the date of publication of this Notice.

Representations should be sent in writing or by email by Monday 25 June to:

The Dog Warden Service, The Environmental Health Service, Health and Environmental Services, Belfast City Council, 4-10 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BP. Email: [envhealth@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@belfastcity.gov.uk)

Dated this **Wednesday 23 May 2012**.

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