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**WARRANT**

We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seabrook, issue this warrant to the Chief of Police of the Town of Seabrook in accordance with the provisions of RSA 466:14 together with a list of the owners of unlicensed dogs known to us and direct him to issue civil forfeiture by certified mail or delivery in hand or left at the abode of each such unlicensed dog owner. Such civil forfeiture notice shall include all of the fees and penalties owed to the Town by the owner of such dog. The cost of service hereunder shall not exceed \$7.00 for each such notice that shall be added to the sums due above stated with all such fees, penalties and forfeitures shall be paid by the owner of the dog directly to the Town Clerk. On or before August 31<sup>st</sup> next the Chief of Police shall issue a return to the Board of Selectmen that shall state the number of owners of dogs who have received summons to the district court for failure to pay the civil forfeiture pursuant to RSA 466:13 or to license the dog pursuant to RSA 466:1.

Given under our hands as required by law this \_\_\_\_ day of June in the year of 2023.

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Srinivasan "Ravi" Ravikumar, Chairman

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Theresa A. Kyle, Selectman

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Harold F. Eaton, Clerk

Board of Selectmen

## **Section 466:14**

**466:1 Procuring License; Tag.** – Every owner or keeper of a dog 4 months old or over shall annually, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed for one year in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which the dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar to which shall be attached a metal tag with the following information thereon: the name of the city or town, year of issue of license and its registered number. The tag and license shall be furnished by the clerk at the expense of the city or town. Regardless of when the license is obtained, the license shall be effective from May 1 of each year to April 30 of the subsequent year.

**466:14 Warrants; Proceedings.** – The town or city clerk shall annually, between June 1 and June 20, present to the local governing body a list of those owners of dogs that have failed to license or not renewed their dog licenses pursuant to RSA 466:1. The local governing body shall, within 20 days from June 20, issue a warrant to a local official authorized to issue a civil forfeiture for each unlicensed dog. The warrant may also authorize a local law enforcement officer to seize any unlicensed dog. The civil forfeiture may be sent by certified mail, or delivered in hand, or left at the abode of the dog owner. The cost of service shall not exceed \$7 and may be recovered by the city or town in addition to the amount of the civil forfeiture. If the unlicensed dog is seized, it shall be held in a town or city holding facility for a period of 7 days, after which time full title to the dog shall pass to the facility, unless the owner of the dog has, before the expiration of the period, caused the dog to be licensed. The owner shall pay the facility a necessary and reasonable sum per day, as agreed upon by the governing body of the town or city and the facility, for each day the dog has been kept and maintained by the facility, plus any necessary veterinary fees incurred by the facility for the benefit of the dog. Before a local law enforcement officer seizes any unlicensed dog, a written warning shall be given to the dog owner.

**466:16 Returns.** – Each local law enforcement officer to whom the warrant named in RSA 466:14 is issued shall return the warrant, on or before August 31, to the local governing body issuing it and, shall state in the return the number of owners who received and paid the civil forfeiture, the number of dogs in the city or town which have been seized and held under the provisions of RSA 466:14, and the number of owners who have received summons to a district or municipal court for failure to pay the civil forfeiture pursuant to RSA 466:13 or to license the dog pursuant to RSA 466:1.