

**MORECAMBE AND LANCASTER PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2020
(DOGS ON LEADS)**

Lancaster City Council ("the Council") has made the following Public Spaces Protection Order under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act"), (Dogs On Leads):

This Order makes it an offence if a dog in your charge is not on a lead in designated areas, within the district of Lancaster as outlined on the attached map (appendix A).

These designated areas are;

- **All public highways excluding unclassified minor rural roads;**
- **Morecambe Promenade;**
- **All car parks and public vehicle parking areas maintained by Lancaster City Council;**
- **The pedestrianised areas within Lancaster city centre and Morecambe town centre;**
- **All cemeteries, graveyards, burial grounds and the grounds of Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium;**
- **Dallas Road Gardens, Lancaster; Hall Park, Morecambe; Happy Mount Park, Morecambe; and Regent Park, Morecambe.**

This Order may be cited as the Morecambe and Lancaster Public Spaces Protection Order (Dogs on leads) 2020 and came into force on 20th October 2020 for a duration of 3 years.

In this Order an 'authorised officer of the Authority' means an employee of the Authority who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of giving directions under this order.

Offence :-

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time, on any land to which this order applies he does not keep the dog on a lead, unless:

- (a) He 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 his failing to do so.

For the Purpose of this Act

A person who habitually has a dog in his 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.

Penalty

Under Section 67 of the Act it is an offence to fail to comply with this Order. A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1000).

A constable or an authorised person may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) to anyone that they reasonably believe has committed an offence. The amount of the FPN is £100, which is to be paid within 14 days of being issued with the notice. This sum will be reduced to £65 if paid within 7 days.