

Review of the Dog Control Byelaws 2008

Presentation to the SPC – 26th February 2022
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Review Process

- ▶ Presentation to SPC on existing Bye Laws 2008 – Feb 2022
- ▶ Feedback from SPC members on requested inclusions
- ▶ Draft Byelaws to May SPC
- ▶ Ad in paper June 2022
- ▶ Public Consultation / receipt of submissions June/July 2022
- ▶ Byelaws at 28th Sept SPC
- ▶ Main Council Meeting in October 2022

Existing Byelaws 2008

- ▶ Only relate to the Beaches Silverstrand, Salthill, Grattan Road and Ballyloughane
- ▶ Apply between 1st May and 30th September each year
- ▶ Between the hours of 9am to 8pm it shall be prohibited to bring dogs onto the beaches/water
- ▶ Before 9am and after 8pm –Dogs on a leash and not causing nuisance/danger
- ▶ Exemptions are Guide dogs and Dogs under the control of An Garda Síochána & Customs & Excise

Existing Byelaws 2008

- ▶ Penalties – Fixed payment notice €31.74
- ▶ Or *“A person who contravenes a provision of these byelaws shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1904.60 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or both.”*

Proposed Bye-laws 2022 – Options to consider

- ▶ Increase the Fixed Penalty Notice amount (Max €75)
- ▶ Offence not to have Dog Waste Bags on your person
- ▶ Extend the areas to which they apply – not just the beaches
- ▶ Extend the Time period- Not just Summer Months
- ▶ Provide areas for Dog Exercises within Parks
- ▶ Designate Parks as No Dogs allowed
- ▶ Refer to Control of Dogs Act 1986 and Litter Pollution Act 1997



Next Steps

SUBMIT ITEMS FOR INCLUSION BY END OF
MARCH

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