

# City of Jacinto City “Animal Waste” Ordinance FAQs

## Where can I get a copy of the Animal Waste ordinance?

The ordinance has been posted at: [www.jacintocity-tx.gov](http://www.jacintocity-tx.gov) under the “Public Notices” section. Look for Ordinance # 2013-2. A hard copy may also be purchased at City Hall.

## What does the Animal Waste ordinance require?

1. Any person in control of an animal on public or private property is required to pick up after it and properly dispose of the feces.
2. Any person in control of or walking an animal on public or private property is required to have with them a suitable container or instrument that can be used to pick up the animal’s waste in a sanitary manner. This can be anything from a plastic bag to a “Pooper-Scooper” type of device.

## What if I allow my animal to defecate on my own property?

The ordinance protects property owners from having other person’s animals defecating on their property and the public from animals defecating on public property. It does not address property owned by the owner of the animal.

## When does the ordinance take effect?

March 28, 2013

## What is the penalty for violating the Animal Waste Ordinance?

The penalty is a fine, ranging from \$ 100.00 to \$ 500.00

## What if I use a “service” animal? Does this ordinance still apply?

The only exemption to this ordinance is for service animals used by blind individuals.

## How can I file a complaint against a person allowing a pet to defecate in my yard without picking it up?

You can file a complaint with the city, but prior to doing so you must give an affidavit to the Jacinto City Police Department stating that you witnessed the violation.