

# EDINBURGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Edinburgh Neighbors:

We need your help... As you are undoubtedly aware, our citizens are proud of the heritage of our community which includes our historic downtown area. Efforts continue daily to preserve the feel of that historic area by addressing those items that will help the appearance, functionality, and overall ambiance of the area to be a pleasant place to visit.

The town has spearheaded efforts such as the addition of our brick sidewalks, era designed lighting, and most recently our new community center located at the corner of Main Cross St and Holland Street. Private investment also continues with the updating of many of our storefronts and the addition of new businesses recently.

**Here is where we need your help**, many of you, such as I, have pets that are a part of our lifestyle and we enjoy taking them for their daily walks outside of our own private lawns. Unfortunately, not everyone picks up their dog's waste and ultimately it remains on the property of others for their disposal. Not only is this discourteous and unhealthy it is against the law. Edinburgh code says:

## 91.07 ANIMAL WASTE

*(A) It shall be unlawful for any owner or any person exerting control of any animal to permit the animal to defecate or leave waste on any public or private property other than the private property of its owner.*

*(B) Any person who permits any animal to defecate or leave its waste upon an unauthorized place shall be required to immediately remove the excrement.*

## 91.99 PENALTY

*Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not less than \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for second offense, and \$500 for each offense thereafter. (Ordinance 2015-4, passed 8-24-2015)*

Although this applies throughout our town and parks, a number of complaints were recently received from users and visitors of the downtown area about feces remaining in the flower beds on Main Cross Street and even some sitting on the sidewalks. As such we will be increasing our enforcement of this ordinance and we ask for your cooperation and assistance.

As such, please pick up after your pets if you have one and help inform others who are in the area who have a pet to complete their obligations as well. Together we can make a difference.

Thank you for your assistance,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David H. Mann'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Mann, Chief