

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

**THE CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL DOGS ON LEAD BY DIRECTION PUBLIC
SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2024**

The Chorley Borough Council (in this Order called "the Council") under Part 4, Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act"), being satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 59 of the Act have been met, hereby makes the following Order:

1. The Order comes into force on 19th September 2024 and shall last for three years unless extended by the Council
2. This Order applies to land specified in the Schedule below ("the Restricted Area").
3. In this Order "an Authorised Person" means an employee of the Council who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purposes of giving directions under this Order.

Offence

4. (1) A person in charge of dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time on the Restricted Area, he/she does not comply with a direction given to him/her by an Authorised Person to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than 2 metres in length, unless:-
 - (a) he/she 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/her failing to do so.
- (2) For the purposes of this article:-
 - (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his/her 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.
 - (b) an Authorised Person may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person on the Restricted Area or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

Penalty

5. By virtue of Section 67 of the Act it is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse to do anything that is prohibited by this Order.
6. A person who is guilty of an offence under this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 (currently £1,000) on the standard scale

7. By virtue of Section 68 of the Act a constable or an Authorised Person may issue a fixed penalty notice not exceeding £100 to anyone he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence under section 67 of the Act in relation to this Order.

SCHEDULE

(Description of public places to which the Order applies)

This Order shall apply to all land within the administrative area of the Council and which is:-

- (i) Open to the air (which includes land that is covered but open to the air on at least one side); and
- (ii) to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment.

**THE COMMON SEAL of
CHORLEY COUNCIL**

was hereto affixed the

19 day of September 2024

in the presence of:-



Authorised Signatory