

Pine Lake to force scooped poop

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Mayor Neil Copeland said he hopes the amendment will keep clean the path around the city's 12-acre lake, which is popular among joggers and nature lovers. Sunny Saunders, who frequently walks her 2-year-old cocker spaniel, Joey, around the lake, says she has no complaints about cleaning up after her pet. "I think it's a good idea," said Ms. Saunders. "It's a hassle I would be willing to put up with. "The amendment, which is expected to pass after its third official reading in October, makes it a misdemeanor to leave behind a pet's excrement on any public or private property not belonging to the pet owner. Those in violation can be fined no less than \$5 nor more than \$100 for each offense.

Chuck Murphy, who said he walks his terrier, Rascal, at night before going to bed, expressed his motivation for going along with the new law. "It can get kind of sticky out there at night," he said.