



Article 20 Public Safety and Property



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ARTICLE 20

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20.1 No person, other than an authorized town agent shall place or throw or cause to be placed or thrown on to any public sidewalk, street, fire hydrant, or highway or upon any of the common lands of the Town any snow, dirt, gravel or foreign substance, including excrement, noxious or slippery liquids or material or suffer the same to remain thereon after being notified by a police officer to remove the same.

Section 20.1 amended at April 26, 1999, Annual Town Meeting. Approved by Attorney General Tom Reilly on October 18, 1999.

20.2 Other than for official town or conservation purposes, no person shall place or cause to be placed on any public sidewalk, street or highway, or upon any of the common lands of the Town, any refuse containers to be collected for disposal of refuse by the Town or any other collector of refuse and suffer the same to remain thereon for more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time said containers are scheduled to be collected for disposal of refuse or for a period of time terminating at 8:00 a.m. on the day following the said collection. In connection with a project for construction, demolition or repair of any building or any other construction for which disposal of refuse cannot be affected in accordance with the preceding sentence, the owner of the property upon which such construction, demolition or repair is undertaken may apply to the Board of Selectmen or its designee for a written permit which the board or its designee may in its discretion issue subject to such terms and conditions, including a bond, as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to protect the public safety.

Section 20.2 amended at April 23, 1984, Annual Town Meeting. Approved by Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti on July 30, 1985.

20.3 No person shall erect, set up or maintain any fence, portico, platform or door step extending into or on any public sidewalk or way.

20.4 No person shall permit a tree, branch thereof, hedge, bush or shrubbery growing on his/her land to extend over or overhang any street, sidewalk or highway so as to interfere with the free and full use of such street, sidewalk or highway. In addition to other penalties applicable to violation of these By-Laws, in the event the Town undertakes to remove any such obstructions, the Town may charge the landowner for the reasonable cost thereof.

Section 20.4 amended at April 27, 1987, Annual Town Meeting. Approved by Attorney General James M. Shannon on August 17, 1987.

20.5 No person, other than an authorized agent of the Town, shall break, dig up or construct any sidewalk; walk upon or otherwise alter lots or borders on cemetery grounds or areas of other municipal grounds upon which hedges, shrubs or flowers are grown; in any way damage or write, paint, print, inscribe, display signs or distribute written matter upon any town property; or conduct any parade upon public ways except upon written permit or authorization from the Board of Selectmen or its designee. Any such written permit or authorization shall be in force for such time and subject to such conditions, including a bond, as the Board or its designee may specify and shall set forth any appropriate safety or security measures to be taken, the manner in which the permitted activity is to be performed or the condition of the affected municipal property upon completion of the authorized activity.

20.6 No person shall throw stones, snow balls, sticks or other missiles, or kick football or play at any game in which a ball is used, or fly kites or other objects, or shoot with or use an airgun, bow and arrow, sling shot, or other similar device in or across any public ways of the Town, except that the Board of Selectman may authorize the use of a public way for recreational purposes in the same manner as is provided for an activity pursuant to Section 20.5 of this Article.

20.7 No person, except in the performance of some legal duty or in the lawful defense of a person or property, shall discharge any firearm within the Town.

20.8 No person shall drink, or have in his or her possession an opened container of any alcoholic beverage as defined in Chapter 138, Section 1, of the General Laws while upon any public way or upon any way to which the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees, or any park or playground or private land or place without consent of the owner or person in control thereof.