

CHAPTER 5-01—CARE, PROTECTION, PRESERVATION & USE OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

- 5-01-01 PURPOSE:** It shall be the purpose of this ordinance to establish regulations for the use of Town parks, lands and premises to the end that they might be used in an orderly, safe and prudent manner to maximize beneficial use for the community.
- 5-01-02 LITTERING:** No person shall discharge, deposit, dump or leave upon any Town lands, buildings, structures or other property any trash, garbage, waste or refuse of any kind, or in any amount, except in receptacles or areas provided by the Town for such purposes, nor shall any person deposit household or commercial trash, garbage, waste or refuse in receptacles provided at the parks.
- 5-01-03 PROTECTION OF PLANT LIFE:** No person shall remove, cut, take, damage or destroy any plant, tree, vine, or flower of any kind located on Town lands or premises. This section shall not prohibit the development pruning of trees with permission of the Selectmen.
- 5-01-04 FIRES:** No person shall start or maintain any open fire on any Town land and premises except with the permission of the Selectmen or duly authorized forest fire warden, and except in fireplaces provided by the Town. This section shall not prohibit charcoal fires in receptacles designed for such use.
- 5-01-05 CAMPING, TENTING, ETC.:** No person shall maintain, use or occupy overnight any tent, trailer, motor vehicle, or other mobile or temporary shelter on any Town lands or premises, nor shall any person camp, tent, dwell or sleep overnight on any Town lands or premises without specific permission from the Board of Selectmen. (adopted as part of the 1973 Warrant at the March 9, 1973 Town Meeting).
- 5-01-06 SNOW MACHINES AND MOTOR VEHICLES:** No person shall operate any motor vehicle or snow machine upon Town lands or premises except upon designated ways and parking lots, nor at speeds in excess of five (5) miles per hour. This section shall not preclude the operation of snow machines at speeds in excess of five (5) miles per hour upon trails designated for their use.
- 5-01-07 HORSES:** No person shall allow a horse under his care and charge to go upon the baseball diamond, ice skating area or paved portions of Stratham Hill Park, common and Town cemeteries.
- 5-01-08 ORGANIZED GROUPS:** Organized groups may use the food building facility at Stratham Hill Park on a one-day basis upon obtaining a permit from the Selectmen. Non-resident groups shall be required to pay \$50.00 for such permit, \$25.00 of which shall be refunded if the premises are left in as good condition as they are found.
- 5-01-09 ENFORCEMENT:** The Selectmen shall enforce this ordinance and have general supervision of the lands and premises of the Town. The Selectmen are hereby

authorized to make whatever additional regulations as are, in their judgment, desirable to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and to ensure the orderly, safe, beneficial and prudent use of the Town lands and premises.

5-01-10 PENALTY: Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance may be removed forthwith from the Town lands or premises where the offense occurred and upon conviction for such violation, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

5-01-11 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: If any part of this ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining portion shall continue in full force and effect and shall be construed as being the entire ordinance.

Adopted 1972

By: Annual Town Meeting