

Title 9

PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE

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Chapter 9.04

OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE AND DECENCY

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9.04.010 Missiles and projectiles prohibited in public streets.

9.04.020 Nude bathing prohibited.

9.04.030 Peeping into windows.

9.04.010 Missiles and projectiles prohibited in public streets.

No person shall kick a football or play at any game in which a ball or other missile of any kind is used, or throw any stones or other missiles, or use a bow and arrow or air gun in any public street of the town. (Prior code § 97-1)

9.04.020 Nude bathing prohibited.

No person shall swim or bathe in any of the waters within or surrounding the town so as to be exposed in a nude state. (Prior code § 97-5)

9.04.030 Peeping into windows.

No person, except an officer of the law in the performance of his duties, shall enter upon the premises of another or upon any public property with the intention of peeping into the windows of a house or other building or of spying in any manner upon any person or persons therein. (Prior code § 97-6)

Chapter 9.08

PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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9.08.010 Definitions.

The following words as used in this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the following meanings:

“Beach” means any beach under the care and control of the town and beaches within the limits of the town to which the public has a right of access.

“Conservation land” means any conservation land under the care and control of the town.

“Parks” means any public park under the care and control of the town.

“Playground” means any playground under the care and control of the town.

“Private parking areas” means any private parking area throughout the town to which the public has the general right of access.

“Public parking areas” means any public parking area under the care and control of the town.

“Public ways” means all ways to which the public has a right of access.

“Town forest” means any town forest under the care and control of the town. (Prior code § 50-2)

9.08.020 Consumption in public prohibited.

No person shall drink or consume alcoholic beverages as defined in Chapter 138, Section 1, of the General Laws while on, in or upon the public ways and places set forth above, whether in or upon a vehicle, motor vehicle or on foot or in a place to which members of the public have access as invitees or licensees, or in a park, town forest, public parking area or playground, or on any beach within the limits of the town to which the public has a right of access or on private land or place without the consent of the owner or person in control. (Prior code § 50-3)

Chapter 9.10

RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

Sections:

9.10.010 Impoundment for operating under the influence of certain substances.

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No motor vehicle impounded pursuant to an arrest under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, Section 21 for operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor, marihuana or narcotic drugs or depressant or stimulant substances all as defined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94C, Section 1 or under the influence of vapors of glue, or other substances set forth in said Chapter 90, Section 21 may be released prior to the passing of twelve hours following arrest. (ATM 5-10-2005 Art. 38)

Chapter 9.12

PROPERTY OFFENSES

Sections:

- 9.12.010 Placement of advertising matter restricted.**
- 9.12.020 Littering prohibited.**
- 9.12.030 Coasting prohibited.**
- 9.12.040 Swinging of gates or doors over public ways prohibited.**
- 9.12.050 Obstruction of pedestrian passage prohibited.**
- 9.12.060 Obstruction of public streets prohibited.**
- 9.12.070 Destruction of lights prohibited.**
- 9.12.080 Obstruction of fire apparatus access prohibited.**

9.12.010 Placement of advertising matter restricted.

No person shall place, or cause or allow to be placed, posters, handbills, placards or other advertising matter of any nature upon any wall, fence, structure, pole or tree, in any highway or street, and in or upon any sidewalk or footwalk in the town, except upon property owned or occupied by such person so advertising. (Prior code § 80-1)

9.12.020 Littering prohibited.

No person shall throw, place or cause to be thrown or placed upon any street or sidewalk in the town any dirt, ashes, stones, hoops, boards or other wood with nails projecting therefrom, shavings, sawdust, manure, nails, spikes, screws, glass, tin cans, filth, rubbish or any noxious or refuse liquid or solid matter or substance. (Prior code § 89-1)

9.12.030 Coasting prohibited.

No person shall coast upon or across any sidewalk or street in the town except at such times and in such places as may from time to time be designated by the selectmen. (Prior code § 97-2)

9.12.040 Swinging of gates or doors over public ways prohibited.

No person shall allow any gate or door on premises under his control, and adjoining any public way, to swing on, over or into such public way. (Prior code § 97-3)

Chapter 9.16

WEAPONS

Sections:

- 9.16.010 Applicability.
- 9.16.020 Discharge of firearms prohibited.
- 9.16.030 Exception—Discharge on approved range.

9.16.010 Applicability.

This bylaw does not apply to any firing in accordance with law. (Prior code § 69-3)

9.16.020 Discharge of firearms prohibited.

No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece, pistol or other firearms in any place, public way, street or square within the town limits, except with the permission of the board of selectmen. (Prior code § 69-1)

9.16.030 Exception—Discharge on approved range.

No person shall discharge or fire any rifle of any caliber within the town limits for any purpose except on an approved range. (Prior code § 69-2)