

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT**  
**ORDINANCE 2018-1**  
**REGULATION OF TOWN PARKS**

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1007 and 1008, and Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1971 and 2291(1), (4), and (5); and such other enactments as may be material, it is hereby ordained by the Town of Northfield Select Board that the following Ordinance 2018-1, also known as the Town Park Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Northfield, Vermont.

**ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS**

The definitions in Title 23, Vermont Section 4 are incorporated by reference.

**ARTICLE II - SCOPE**

This ordinance establishes special regulations within the Town of Northfield Municipal Parks.

**ARTICLE III – Park Curfew**

No person shall be or remain in Town Parks between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM without the express permission of the Select Board.

**ARTICLE IV – Motor Vehicle Use**

- 1.) No person shall operate any motor-driven vehicle except on duly established park drives and parking areas.
- 2.) No vehicle shall be operated at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour within a Town Park.
- 3.) No person shall operate a snowmobile, motorcycle or ATV, except in those areas or on trails as designated by the Select Board.

**ARTICLE V – Firearms Prohibited**

No person shall carry, discharge or display any firearm, knife, air rifle, gas weapon, bow and arrow or item viewed as a weapon in a Town Park.

**ARTICLE VI – Destruction and Littering of Property Prohibited**

No person shall deface, mutilate, destroy or otherwise harm public property, nor litter, dump or discard trash, rubbish, papers or similar substances.

**ARTICLE VII - Disturbing the Peace**

No person shall, with the intent to cause public inconvenience or annoyance or recklessly creating a risk thereof:

- 1). Engage in fighting, or violent, threatening behavior;
- 2). Make unreasonable noise;
- 3.) Use abusive or obscene language; or
- 4.) Obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

**ARTICLE VIII - Alcohol Consumption**

No person shall consume, possess or distribute alcohol beverages or illicit drugs in a Town Park. Special exceptions for alcohol use shall be reviewed and approved on case-by-case basis by the Select Board.

**ARTICLE IX – Animals**

Dogs within the Town Parks shall be leashed and under the control of the owner. Pet owners are required to retrieve and properly dispose of pet feces. All other domestic animals (including horses) are prohibited from Town parks.

**ARTICLE X – Fires Regulated**

No person shall set, light or fuel any open fire in a Town Park, except within fireplaces or grills approved or provided by the Town.

**ARTICLE XI – Picking or Injuring Plants Prohibited**

No person shall pick or damage growing trees, plants or other vegetation in a Town Park.

**ARTICLE XII – PENALTIES**

The Municipal Authority shall have the authority to levy and collect a waiver Fee in Lieu of civil penalty from any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pay Waiver Fee.

- First offense - \$50.00, waiver fee \$35.00
- Second Offense - \$75.00, waiver fee \$50.00
- Third offense - \$150.00 waiver fee, \$125.00

**ARTICLE XIII – Enforcement**

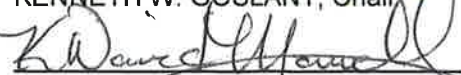
The provisions of this ordinance may be enforced by the authorized municipal official before the Municipal traffic and Ordinance Bureau pursuant to 24 VSA section 1974a.

**ARTICLE XIV - Effective**


This ordinance shall be in full effect and force sixty days after its passage and approval.

**APPROVED AT NORTHFIELD, VERMONT THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2018**

  
KENNETH W. GOSLANT, Chair

  
K. DAVID MAXWELL, Vice-Chair

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**Town of Northfield, Select Board**