



**Town of Pittsfield
Board of Selectmen
Town Hall, 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263**

Public Parks Use & Activities Ordinance

In accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 31, Section 39, authorizing the Town of Pittsfield to enact bylaws, the following Ordinance is adopted by the annual Town Meeting.

Section 1. Purpose of Pittsfield Public Parks. The annual Town Meeting of the Town of Pittsfield ordains that the primary functions of Pittsfield's Public Parks are as active and passive open spaces for the use and enjoyment of it's inhabitants, as natural areas, as environmental classrooms for educational purposes, as a visual attraction to enhance the values of life in Pittsfield.

Section 2. Hours of Use. The annual Town Meeting ordains that the hours of the Public Parks in the Town of Pittsfield shall be between the hours of 6:00am and 10:00pm daily. Between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am, no person (s) shall use, be present on or in, or conduct any activities in any public park, except as authorized by this Ordinance.

Section 3. Use Prohibited. No person or persons shall be present on or in, or use any Public Park in the Town of Pittsfield between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am without a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen after consultation with the Board of Park & Recreation Commissioners.

Section 4. Exception To Use. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not pertain to the authorized holding of special events that are permitted by the Board of Selectmen of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners when such special events are held in public parks during the period when the use of the Public Parks is prohibited by this Ordinance.

Section 5. Warnings and Violations. Police Officers shall give one(1) warning to any person(s) in violation of this Ordinance in a 24 hour period.

Section 6. Second Offense and Penalty. Any person(s) found to be in violation of this ordinance a second(2) time within a twenty four(24) hour period, and who has been warned in accordance with Section 4 hereof for a first violation within such twenty four hour period, shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined \$100.00 for the first offense, and \$250.00 for each subsequent violation thereof, such sums shall ensure to such uses as the Town may direct.

Section 7. Repairs. Whoever is found guilty of a violation of this ordinance shall reimburse the Town for any repairs, or damages caused by their actions, to Town Parks.

Section 8. Effective. This Ordinance shall take effect upon it's passage.

Passage. This Ordinance was adopted March 13th, 1999, by a vote of the Annual Town Meeting.

AMENDMENT

The following amendment was enacted by the Annual Town Meeting of March 18, 2000.

To amend the Public Parks Use and Activities Ordinance by changing the reference in Section 6, line 3, from "Section 4" to "Section 5" to correct a typographical error.

PASSAGE. This amendment was adopted MArch 18th, 2000, by a vote of the annual Town Meeting under Article 26 of the Warrant.