



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

Regulation

Shows & Open-Air Meetings

AUTHORITY

In accordance with, and under the authority of, NH RSAs Annotated, Chapter 286, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to issue licenses governing shows and open-air meetings held in the Town of Pittsfield, the following regulations are adopted to facilitate the administration of the licensing process.

PURPOSE

It is the express intent and purpose of these regulations to provide for the protection of the general public, to minimize the risk of disorder, to prevent confusion, and to secure the convenient use of public streets and places to travelers and others, by the efficient use and administration of these regulations.

Section 1. License Required. No person or persons, showman, tumbler, rope dancer, ventriliquist, or other person, shall for pay, exhibit any feats of agility, horsemanship, sleight of hand, rope dancing, or feats with cards, or any animals, wax figures, puppets or other show, or promote competition, without first obtaining a license from the Board of Selectmen.

Section 2. Licenses for Presentations, Parades, etc. No theatrical or dramatic representation shall be performed or exhibited, and no parade, procession or demonstration shall be held upon any public street or way, and no open-air meeting upon any ground abutting thereto, shall be permitted, unless a special license therefore shall first be obtained from the Board of Selectmen.

Section 3. Application for Licenses. Applications for licenses that are required under these regulations, shall be made on the forms provided by the Board of Selectmen. Such applications shall be made in writing by the proposed licensee, and shall be presented to the Board of Selectmen not less than 30 days in advance of the proposed effective date of such proposed license.

Section 4. Application Review & Investigation. Applications received by the Board of Selectmen shall be referred to the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Superintendent of Public Works, and other appropriate public officials, by the Board of Selectmen, for review and an estimate of a cost to be incurred by the Town of Pittsfield, should the proposed license be granted. Each such official shall make, in writing, an estimate of the costs associated with the granting of such license that will be incurred by the Town of Pittsfield, and shall transmit such written estimates to the Board of Selectmen prior to the Board's issuance of such license.

Section 5. Licenses; Fees. Every such license or special license shall be issued by the Board of Selectmen in writing, and shall specify the day and hour of the license to perform or exhibit, or to parade, demonstrate, have a procession or open-air meeting. Every licensee shall pay in advance for such license, in cash, or by certified check, a sum of not more than \$300.00 for each day such licensee shall perform or exhibit, or such parade, demonstration, procession or open-air meeting shall take place; but the fee for a license to exhibit in any hall shall not exceed \$50.00; such fees to be for the use of the Town.

Section 6. Additional Town Expenses. The Board of Selectmen shall determine from the reports required under Section 4, above, whether the fee for the license prescribed herein will be adequate to reimburse the Town for the extra expense in protecting the health and safety of the public, which can be reasonably attributed to the event to be licensed. When the Board finds that the license fee is inadequate, the promoter of the event shall be required in writing to reimburse the Town for the amount of the expense in excess of the license fee, and shall furnish a bond for the payment of such amount in a form acceptable to the Board.

Section 7. Waiver. Upon the request of an applicant for a permit hereunder, The Board of Selectmen may waive the conditions of these regulations where the literal compliance and strict conformity therewith would cause undue hardship, or injustice to the applicant.

Section 8. Revoke, Suspend, or Modify License. The Board of Selectmen may revoke, suspend or modify a license issued hereunder at any time for any cause. Such revocation, suspension, or modification of the license shall not be grounds for the refund of any or all of the license fees charges under these regulations. Such revocation, suspension, or modification of the license may be grounds to increase or decrease the additional costs assessed under Section 6.

Section 9. Penalty. Whoever violates the provisions of NH RSAs Annotated, Chapter 286, Sections 1 thru 4, or these regulations, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person, or guilty of a felony if any other person. It shall be the duty of the Board of Selectmen to prosecute all violations of said Chapter or these Regulations.

ADOPTED this 20th day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Paul Richardson

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