

Town of Jackson

Camping Ordinance

SECTION I PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the safe and efficient use of public properties within the Town of Jackson. Public health, safety, and the quiet enjoyment of public properties are important to the quality of life for residents and visitors. Public property use regulation is allowed under New Hampshire RSA 31:39 and its subsections.

SECTION II CAMPING ON TOWN PROPERTY

- A. It shall be unlawful to camp, without written permission from the Board of Selectman, or their designee, on the following properties owned by the Town of Jackson; any parks, municipal parking lots, public streets, or town green spaces.
- B. Camping is defined as “*any activity that involves an overnight stay, whether sheltered or unsheltered or within a conveyance*”. Whether an overnight stay occurs, “*activities commonly associated with the preparation for an overnight stay*”, are also included in this definition. The period of time defined as an overnight stay shall mean “*1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour prior to sunrise on any given day.*”
- C. Except for the rules associated with Prospect Farms, the kindling of a fire while camping on Town of Jackson property is prohibited.

SECTION III EXEMPTIONS

- A. This prohibition specifically exempts persons or organizations that have obtained prior written permission by the Board of Selectman, or their designee, to camp in a specific area for a specific time period. All permissible camping will follow “Carry in-Carry out” guidelines when camping on Town of Jackson property.

SECTION IV PENALTIES

- A. The penalty for a violation of this ordinance shall be a fine of \$100.00 for a first offense. For any second or subsequent violation within a 12-month period the fine shall be \$250.00. All fines are payable to the Town of Jackson within 5 days from the date of issuance. Failure to remit the fine within 5 days may result in the issuance of a summons and added fines. Any request for a due process hearing must be submitted in writing within 3 days of the receipt of the violation.