



Health Ordinance

ARTICLE I. AUTHORITY: This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to RSA 147:1, which grants the Health Officers of towns the authority to create regulations for the “prevention and removal of nuisances, and such other regulations relating to the public health as in their judgment the health and safety of the people require.”

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND INTENT: This Ordinance is intended to guide the Bristol Health Officer and his or her duly appointed Deputy in their actions taken to follow up on complaints and to identify nuisances within the Town of Bristol and to provide a means for correcting or abating the said nuisance(s). It is in the public good for the Town to abate nuisances in order to protect the health and safety of the public, to foster neighborhood stability, to preserve the appearance, character and beauty of neighborhoods, to encourage community pride, to preserve the value of property, and to protect the general welfare of the Town, its citizens, businesses, and visitors. This Ordinance provides aggressive measures to abate said nuisances. It is the intent of this Ordinance that the Health Officer use the full measure of authority under RSA Chapter 147 to investigate complaints of nuisances and danger to the public health, cause such nuisances to be abated, and recover the Town’s expenses.

ARTICLE III. NUISANCE(S): The term “nuisance” includes, but is not limited to, the presence on the premises of any of the following: storing of junk, trash, or debris, abandoned, discarded or unused objects or equipment such as but not limited to disassembled automobile parts, oil, antifreeze containers, furniture, paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, scrap, metal, tires, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, cans or containers exposed to view from any public place. These nuisance(s) are hereby declared to be common nuisances and in said Town of Bristol abatable and punishable as such.

ARTICLE IV. VIOLATION AND PENALTIES: For any violation of any provision of this ordinance by permitting, creating, maintaining, or being guilty of any of the nuisances herein specified and upon failure to abate such within a reasonable time after notice to do so, be guilty of a summary offense and liable to pay a fine not less than \$35.00 per day for non-compliance or refusal after warning notice has been provided, up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.

For any violation that requires Town remediation, the owner or occupant of the property may be responsible for fees as directed in RSA 147:7 and/or RSA 147:7-b.

ARTICLE V. SCOPE: This Ordinance is a supplement to existing statutes and ordinances regulating behavior that may be classified as a nuisance and establishes additional conduct that constitutes a nuisance. This Ordinance does not repeal or amend any prior enacted ordinances to the extent of limiting the enforcement of such ordinances.

Adopted by the Town of Bristol Select Board this 2ND day of February 2017.



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