

Bristol Town Ordinances

Town of Bristol Parking Ordinance

The Selectmen of the Town of Bristol hereby adopt the following ordinance, which shall be the responsibility of the Bristol Police Department to enforce.

In addition to any other remedy established by law, the Selectmen shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance by any proceeding commenced in the Grafton County Superior Court or the Plymouth District Court, and shall be entitled to recover from any violator all costs, including attorney's fees in connection with such enforcement to the extent allowed by said court.

The following fee schedule shall be implemented for parking and traffic violations:

1. No parking zone.....\$20.00
2. Overnight parking Nov 1- April 30, midnight – 0600 hours.....\$25.00
3. Hindering snow removal.....\$50.00
4. Parked on sidewalk.....\$25.00
5. Handicap parking.....\$100.00
6. Parking on cross walk.....\$25.00
7. Parked in front of hydrant, fire lane, or within 15 feet.....\$25.00
8. Parked within an intersection or within 15 feet.....\$25.00
9. Obstructing traffic at construction site.....\$25.00
10. Left side of vehicle to curb.....\$25.00
11. Roadway side of vehicle.....\$25.00
12. Parking without a permit at a town beach.....\$75.00
13. Parking in the no parking zone at Cummings Beach.....\$75.00
14. No smoking or Use of Other Tobacco Products.....\$75.00

All parking tickets will be assessed an additional \$25.00 fee after ten working days if payment is not made. Failure to pay fine may result in additional charges. Vehicles are subject to being towed after the 2nd consecutive violation.

Adopted on June 23, 2004
Amended on June 23, 2010

Skateboard, Scooter, Sled and Roller Blades Ordinance

By Authority of New Hampshire revised statues annotated, chapters 41:11, and 47:17, VII, the following ordinance is hereby enacted for the Town of Bristol.

1. Definitions:
 - a. Skateboard – A short, narrow board having one or more sets of wheels mounted under it;
 - b. Scooter – A vehicle consisting of a long foot board between two end wheels, controlled by an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel;
 - c. Way – Any road, street, avenue, boulevard, court, or parking lot, or way legally accepted for maintenance by and dedicated public use by the legislative authority of the State and or Town, or any sidewalk;
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a skateboard, scooter, sled or roller blades on the following:
 - a. Any public tennis court, or on any of the following ways:
 - i. Route 104 (Pleasant Street and Summer Street),
 - ii. Route 3A (South Main Street),
 - iii. North Main Street (from Pleasant Street to crosswalk at the Elementary School),
 - iv. Beech Street,
 - v. Central Street,
 - vi. Church Street,
 - vii. Spring Street,
 - viii. Spruce Street,
 - ix. Lake Street,
 - x. Merrimack Street.
3. It shall be unlawful for any person traveling upon any bicycle, skateboard, scooter, sled, or roller blades or any toy vehicle to cling to or attach him/herself or his/her vehicle to any other moving vehicle upon any way.
4. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation any may be fined up to \$100.00 under RSA 651:2.
5. This ordinance supersedes any prior ordinance.

Adopted: December 1, 2004

Beach Ordinance

This ordinance applies to all Town Beaches.

- Parking by permit only, effective June 1 to Labor Day.
- Town beaches open at 7:00 am and close at 11:00 pm.
- No lifeguard on duty, swim at your own risk.
- No washing or bathing with soap.
- No dogs or other pets of any kind on the beach, effective May 1 to Columbus Day.
- No feeding ducks or other wildlife.
- No fires or cooking.
- No furniture or other personal property overnight on beach.
- No alcoholic beverages, liquor or drugs.
- No nudity at any age.
- No littering; all rubbish to be removed from beach.
- No boats of any kind, including rowboats, canoes, kayaks, sailboats, paddleboats, sailboards, rafts, or other devices designed for locomotion or support within the swim line, on the beach, or secured to any object on shore behind the swim line. (This does not restrict soft, inflatable toys.)
- No parking from 11 pm until 7 am.
- No vehicle or OHRV of any type allowed on beaches (see RSA 215-A:VII).
- Parking in designated spaces only.
- No smoking or Use of Other Tobacco Products.

Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000.00 as per RSA 651:2, IV

Adopted March 10, 2004

Amended June 23, 2010

Disorderly Actions Ordinance

Disorderly actions: A person is guilty of disorderly actions if:

1. He knowingly or purposely creates a condition which is hazardous to himself or another in a public place by any action which serves no legitimate purpose; or
2. He:
 - a. Engages in fighting or violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior in a public place; or
 - b. Directs at another person in a public place obscene, derisive, or offensive words which are likely to provoke a violent reaction on the part of any ordinary person; or
 - c. Obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic on any public street or sidewalk or the entrance to any public building; or
 - d. Engages in conduct in a public place which substantially interferes with a criminal investigation, a fire fighting operation to which RSA 154:17 is applicable, the provision of emergency medical treatment, or the provision of other services when traffic or pedestrian management is required; or
 - e. Knowingly refuses to comply with a lawful order of a peace officer to move from any public place; or
3. He purposely causes a breach of the peace, public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creates a risk thereof, by:
 - a. Making loud or unreasonable noises in a public place, or making loud or unreasonable noises in a private place which can be heard in a public place or other private places, which noises would disturb a person of average sensibilities; or
 - b. Disrupting the orderly conduct of business in any public or private facility; or
 - c. Disrupt any lawful assembly or meeting of persons without lawful authority.
 - d. Operating any motor vehicle within the Town of Bristol so as to make excessive noise by any of the following means:
 - i. Misuse of power, acceleration or traction so as to spin the wheels in the manner commonly known as “laying rubber”.
 - ii. Misuse of brake and stopping power in the deceleration of a motor vehicle where no emergency exists.
 - iii. Misuse of power, acceleration or traction by means of rapid up shift or downshift of transmission gears.
 - iv. Racing of engine by means of the accelerator, carburetor, gear selector, either when the motor vehicle is in motion or stationary.
4. In this section:
 - a. “Lawful Order” means:
 - i. A command issued to any person for the purpose of preventing said person from committing any offense when the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that said person is about to commit any such offense, or when said person is engaged in a course

conduct which makes his commission of such an offense imminent; or

- ii. A command issued to any person to stop him from continuing to commit any offense when the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that said person is presently engaged in conduct which constitutes any such offense.
- b. "Public Place" means any place to which the public or a substantial group has access. The term includes, but is not limited to, public ways, sidewalks, schools, and the lobbies or hallways of apartment buildings, hotels or motels.

5. Exemptions:

- a. The following uses and activities shall be exempt from disorderly actions regulations:
 - i. Noises for safety signals and warning devices when used for the purpose for which they are intended and emergency pressure relief valves.
 - ii. Noises resulting from any authorized vehicles, when responding to an emergency call or acting in time of emergency;
 - iii. Noises resulting from emergency and maintenance work as performed by the Town of Bristol, by the State of New Hampshire, Bristol Highway Department, Bristol Water & Sewer employees or other public utility companies; noises resulting from the provisions of municipal services;
 - iv. Agricultural operations under RSA 430 c:1, c:2, c:3, c:4.
- 6. Disorderly Actions is a violation, punishable by a fine up to, but not exceeding \$500.00.

Drinking in Public Place Town Ordinance

1. No person shall consume any alcoholic beverage while in or upon any Street, Public Place or Public Building within the Town of Bristol.
2. No person shall consume any alcoholic beverage while in or upon any private land, building or place without consent of the owner of person in control thereof.
3. For the purpose of this ordinance alcoholic beverages are defined in Chapter 175:1 Section I and Section II of the RSA annotated of New Hampshire.
4. Alcoholic beverages being consumed in violation of this ordinance shall be seized and held until the case is disposed of in the courts, after which such beverages shall be returned to the person entitled to their lawful possession.
5. Whoever violates any provisions of this ordinance shall pay a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense and a fine of \$50.00 for each subsequent offense.

Adopted: March 4, 1978

- a) No person shall consume any alcoholic beverage while in or upon any street, public place or public building within the Town of Bristol.
Possession of an open bottle or container of any alcoholic beverage shall be considered as prima facie evidence of consumption.

-Amended: March 1980

Vendor Ordinance

Section 1: Every Hawker and/or Peddler, Crafter and Itinerant Vendor, before making any sale of goods, wares, merchandise, or services in the Town, shall apply to the Town Administrator for a permit (15) fifteen days prior to the event.

Section 2: In granting any license authorized pursuant to this ordinance, the Town Administrator shall be governed by the following minimum standards and the applicant for a license shall be governed by the following general restrictions, however, the provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit any other standards that may be established for specific activities pursuant to the provisions hereinafter imposed:

I. No person shall hawk or vend without having first been issued a license by the Town of Bristol Town Administrator and when applicable authorized by the Chief of Police, Fire Chief and Health Officer.

II. All licenses shall be issued for specific times, dates and locations, which shall be set forth in writing by the Town Administrator on each license issued.

III. The permits shall bear the date on which they are issued and shall expire one year from the date of approval unless an earlier expiration date was established or the permit is revoked.

IV. License applications shall be made to the Town Administrator on a form provided by the Town Offices. An applicant must submit the following information with the application: SEE HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS ORDINANCE UNDER TOWN FOR MORE INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS.

Section 4: The permit **fee** provisions of this section shall not apply to any youth groups officially sanctioned by the Town of Bristol or by SAU #4, nor to “lemonade stands” or other similar enterprises operated solely by children aged 16 years or less for a period of two consecutive days or less in a week.

Section 5: The Town of Bristol has one authorized location for the purpose of Itinerant Vendor or Hawker and Peddler to sell goods or services. A licensed Itinerant Vendor or Hawker and Peddler may sell goods or services in the (1) designated Vendor Parking Space in the Downtown Municipal Parking Lot located at 10 North Main Street, Tax Map 114-010 use of the space is on a first come first serve basis. Permits are NOT issued for the exclusive use of this location. If the Town of Bristol or some other organization is hosting an event, an Itinerant Vendor or Hawker and Peddler must obtain a license as well as approval for location from the Chief of Police at the designated event site.

Section 7: Any itinerant vendor, hawker or peddler who sells, offers or exposes for sale, any goods, wares, merchandise or services in such a manner in the opinion of the Chief of Police, so as to impede the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or to create a health or safety hazard or a public nuisance, shall be prohibited from operating within the Town of Bristol until the situation warranting suspension of the permit is appropriately abated in the opinion of the Chief of Police and the permit has been reinstated by the Town Manager. In locations where itinerant vending, hawking or peddling is allowed, the Chief of Police may require the presence of a paid police detail to preserve the public safety or welfare. The police detail shall be billed by and payable to the Town of Bristol at prevailing rates, and shall be the liability of the property owner of the site of the itinerant vending, hawking or

peddling activity.

Section 9: Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a penalty in the amount of \$500.00. Such person shall be deemed to have committed a separate violation for each and every day or portion of which any violation of the Ordinance is committed, continued or permitted by such person. Any property owner who allows an unpermitted itinerant vendor, hawker or peddler to operate on his private property shall be subject to a \$500 fine for each day the unpermitted itinerant vendor, hawker or peddler is allowed to operate on his property.

SEE HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS ORDINANCE UNDER TOWN FOR MORE INFORMATION OR REQUIREMENTS.

Adopted: March 8, 1971

Amended: May 22, 2008

Kelley Park Ordinance

The Town of Bristol, under the provisions of RSA 31:39, I(a)(SUPP.) hereby adopts this ordinance for the care and preservation of Kelley Park. This ordinance shall supersede all other ordinances pertaining to Kelley Park.

1. All individual group activities must be scheduled through the Kelley Park Commission or its designated agent. The Kelley Park Commission is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The park superintendent shall be appointed by the Kelley Park Commission, and shall serve as the designated agent of the Kelley Park Commission.
2. The following are prohibited upon any part of Kelley Park property:
 - a. All alcoholic beverages.
 - b. All glass containers of any type.
 - c. All horses.
3. The following activities shall be permitted only with the prior written approval of the Kelley Park Commission or, at its direction, its designated agent:
 - a. The use of bicycles, roller skates, and skateboards.
 - b. The use or operation of any motorized vehicle except in authorized areas.
 - c. The parking of any vehicle on the grounds of Kelley Park between the hours of 9:00 pm and 8:00 am.
 - d. The use, entrance, or occupancy of any person or persons on the grounds of Kelley Park, including its buildings and structures, between the hours of 9:00 pm and 8:00 am.
 - e. Activities other than those designated in specific areas of Kelley Park.
4. Any person or persons found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation, as defined by the Criminal Code of the State of New Hampshire, and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00. Each violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense and shall be punishable as provided herein.
5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Town.

Snow Obstruction Ordinance

1. If any person shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any town maintained road for any purpose, except to provide a place necessary for crossing, re-crossing and traveling upon said road by logging or farm equipment, he shall be fined not more than \$25.00.
 - a. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply where snow or ice is pushed across the traveled surface of said roads for the purpose of snow removal from land adjoining said highways.

Use of Public Streets for Repairing of Motor Vehicles

Be it ordained by the Selectmen of the Town of Bristol acting pursuant to the authority delegated to them under the provisions of RSA 41:11 as follows

1. From and after the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the repairing of motor vehicles within the limits of the right of way of any public highway in the Town of Bristol. This section shall not apply to emergency repairs being made to a motor vehicle which has broken down on the highway while in the course of actual travel, provided that only such emergency repairs will be permitted as may be necessary to move the vehicle either to its designation or to some point off the limits of the highway right of way.
2. Any person convicted of violation of section 1 shall be liable to a fine of \$20.00 and each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.
3. This statute shall take effect upon its publication in a newspaper published in Bristol.

Adopted October 19, 1967

Solid Waste Ordinances

Section II General Provisions

1. The facilities may be used only by residents and residential property owners of the Town of Bristol, for the disposal of acceptable solid waste generated within the Town of Bristol. Disposal of refuse from another locality is a violation.
2. Attendants shall have the authority to refuse the use of the facilities to any person who violates these regulations, misuses the facilities or fails to comply with the lawful directions of the attendant. Failure to follow the requests or instructions of the attendant is a violation.
3. Acceptable solid waste may be disposed at the facilities only during posted operating hours. Leaving waste outside of the area when the facility is closed is a violation.
4. Acceptable solid waste shall be deposited only in the appropriate disposal area or container as directed by the attendant on duty. The disposal of any waste in unauthorized areas is prohibited. Disposal of unauthorized or prohibited waste is a violation.
5. All loads delivered to the facilities shall be covered or otherwise suitably contained (i.e., in plastic bags, barrels, etc.) to prevent littering.

Violations

Violations of any of the above provisions shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$50.00 per occurrence and up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 per RSA 149-M:17.

Section IV Permit

A permit shall be required for the disposal of waste at the solid waste facilities. No person shall dispose of any waste at the facilities without a permit. The permits are to be permanently affixed to the lower right front windshield on the vehicle of the person authorized to use the facility. Permit fees are listed in Appendix A and Appendix B of this ordinance.

(Proposal to leave residential permits at \$5.00/year and increase Commercial and Construction/Temporary Permits to at least \$25.00)

A. Resident Permit

Residential permits may be issued to any resident or property owner with a home in the Town of Bristol. Residential permits may be used to dispose of solid waste generated within the Town of Bristol only. Suitable proof of residence and/or personal residential property ownership shall be required for the issuance of a permit. Use of the Bristol solid waste facilities without a permit or disposal of solid waste from other cities or towns shall be a violation. It is also a violation to allow someone who is not a resident of the Town of Bristol to use your permit.

Demolition debris from private residents will be limited to amounts not to exceed 2 cubic yards per day. This debris will be accepted only at the “lower” section of the facility. Disposal is subject to the current fee schedule.

B. Commercial Permit

Commercial permits may be issued to businesses and campgrounds located in the Town of Bristol for the disposal of acceptable wastes generated by that business. It is a violation to allow someone else to use your Commercial permit or to dispose of non-Bristol solid waste. Commercial permit holders may be subject to periodic verification of materials being disposed from Bristol businesses and residences.

C. Temporary Permit

Contractors may be issued a temporary permit for the disposal of waste generated by work done within the Town of Bristol. Documentation of the Building Permit issued by the Town of Bristol shall be required for the issuance of a temporary permit. Temporary permits shall be valid for no longer than 21 days. The Town will not accept hazardous or non permitted waste. It is a violation to use a Temporary Bristol Permit to dispose of solid waste not generated within the Town of Bristol or to allow a nonresident to use the permit. In order to obtain a Temporary Permit and to use the Solid Waste Facility for construction debris, a signed and approved Affidavit for Commercial Contractors must be obtained from the Town prior to hauling any waste.

D. Visitor Permit

Visitor permits may be issued to persons visiting the Town of Bristol for periods longer than two weeks. Suitable proof of lodging in the Town of Bristol shall be required for the issuance of a temporary permit. A temporary permit shall not be valid for longer than two weeks. It is the responsibility of the property owner to arranger for the acceptable disposal of solid waste materials.

E. Violations

Per RSA 149-M: 17, violations of any of these provisions shall be subject to a fine no less than \$50.00 per occurrence and up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 per occurrence.

Amendment proposed by the Board of Selectmen July, 2004
Public Hearing September 9, 2004
Work Session September 15, 2004
Adopted September 16, 2004
Effective as of October 1, 2004

Town of Bristol Highway Regulations

Pursuant to the powers in us vested by section 11, chapter 41, Revised Statutes of New Hampshire and any other statute or statutes thereto enabling, we the undersigned selectmen of the Town of Bristol do hereby adopt, enact and declare the following highway regulations:

1. Trucking – All through truck traffic of any kind is hereby prohibited at any time on North Main Street, or Turnpike Road, from a point opposite the First National Bank building (TD Bank North) to its intersection with Route 3-A at Newfound Lake.
2. Parking during and after snowfall – No person owning or operating a motor vehicle shall cause or allow said vehicle to remain standing or parked within the limits of any street in the town during or after a period of snowfall in such a manner that said vehicle will interfere with or impede the plowing of snow from the surface of said street.
3. All night parking – During the months of January, February, March, April, November, and December, no person owning or operating a motor vehicle or having in his charge a motor vehicle shall cause or allow said vehicle to remain standing or parked within the limits of any street in the town for a period time longer than 30 minutes between the hours of midnight and 6:00 am of any day, except persons on emergency calls.
4. Fine – Unless another penalty is expressed provided by law, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of these regulations shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$20.00 for each offense.
5. Takes Effect – These regulations shall take effect February 15, 1956, and continue in effect until modified or repealed.

Special Regulations – Loitering and Diving

In accordance with RSA 236:1, the Bridge #103/101 located on West Shore Road, Inv. #43, in Bristol, New Hampshire, is restricted to prohibit loitering or diving from the structure.

RSA 236:4 Penalty and Liability – Any person violating the provision of such posted regulations shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars and shall be liable for all damage occasioned thereby.

In accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 236:2 I have caused to be filed a copy thereof in the records of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and with the Clerk of the Town of Bristol, New Hampshire.

Adopted: September 24, 1990

Town Ordinance Fines

(Add 20% P.A. to Fines)

Skateboard, Scooter, Sled and Roller Blades Ordinance.....	Max \$100.00
Beach Ordinance.....	Max \$1,000.00
Parking Ordinance.....	\$20.00/ \$100.00
Disorderly Actions.....	Max \$500.00
Drinking in Public/Open Container.....	First \$25.00, Subsequent \$50.00
Hawkers, Peddlers, Vendors.....	\$50.00
Kelley Park Ordinance.....	\$500.00
Snow Obstruction Ordinance.....	\$25.00
Use of Public Streets for Repairing of Motor Vehicles.....	\$20.00 a day
Solid Waste Ordinances.....	\$50.00/ \$3,000.00
Town of Bristol Highway Regulations.....	\$20.00 Special
Regulation Loitering or Diving.....	Max \$100.00