

TOWN ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 22 DOGS

22.1 Dog Control

The town adopts the State of New Hampshire Laws on control of dogs as set forth in RSA 466. ([Hyperlink to RSA](#))

ARTICLE 23 PARKS

23.1 Vehicle Repairs

No repairs shall be made to any vehicle in a park except those of a minor nature and then only in cases of an emergency.

23.2 Vehicle Operation

No person shall operate any vehicle in any part of a park except on roadways established for the operation of vehicles.

23.2a Speed Limit

No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed greater than 10mph and shall reduce speed of a vehicle when conditions warrant such.

23.2b Parking

No person shall park or be permitted to park any vehicle in any area of a park except those specifically designated for parking.

23.3 Permits

- A. A permit to do any act shall authorize the same only insofar as it may be performed in strict accordance with the written terms and conditions thereof. Any violations of any law, ordinance or rule or regulation by the holder or agent of the holder of any permit shall constitute grounds for revocation, which shall be final.
- B. Upon issuance of a permit the holder or agents of the holder of any permit shall be liable for any and all damages done to the park during the times the permit is in effect.
- C. No liability shall be attached to the town or any employee of the town for any injury to a person or persons or any property owned by any person or persons who are attending, leaving or going to any activity allowed or permitted by the issuance of the permit.

23.4 Notifications

After the permit has been issued, the chief of police must be notified no later than 24 hours after a said permit has been issued and at least 14 days before a said permit goes into effect.

23.5 Exceptions

That the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bow may issue a permit on short notice if they feel that a special reason exists. Any event sponsored by the Recreation Department or the Bow School District or the town does not need a permit.

23.6 Park Closing

Between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am all parks will be closed to the general public.

23.6a Winter Hours

During the dates determined by the Recreation Department all parks will be closed to the general public. Dates to be published in the local newspaper.

23.6b Exceptions

The Recreation Department is not empowered to send any time of closing for the town schools or their property.

23.7 Penalty

Any violation of any section of this ordinance shall be fined no less than \$25.00 and not more than \$500.00 except for section 23.2b which shall be covered by Article 25 Parking.

ARTICLE 24 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

24.1 Open Container

No person shall have in their possession or control any open container, bottle or any other type of carrying vessel, any alcoholic beverage on any publicly owned property or road in the town.

24.2 Open Container Private Property

No person shall have in their possession or control any open container, bottle, or any other type of carrying vessel, any liquor or alcoholic beverage on any privately owned land or within the common area of any privately owned building without the permission of an owner or person in control of said land or building.

24.3 Special Events

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 24.2 and excepting the provisions of Section 27.2, no person shall serve, or cause to be served to another or consume any liquor or alcoholic beverage on privately owned property within the town in the course of any gathering of persons open generally to the public and for which no specific individual invitation to attend or permission to remain is necessary.

- B. The Board of Selectmen may, in its sole discretion, grant an exception from the provisions of Section 24.3(A), upon good cause shown subject to compliance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission regarding the sale or serving of liquor or alcoholic beverages.

24.4 Penalties

- A. Any person found in violation of Ordinance 24.1 or 24.2 may be fined up to \$300.00.
- B. Any person or organization convicted for violation of Ordinance 24.3 shall be fined up to \$500.00.

ARTICLE 25 PARKING

25.1 Authority

The Board of Selectmen of the town may establish “NO PARKING” zones and restricted parking zones.

25.2 No Parking Zones and Restricted Parking Zones

- A. East side of Bow Center Road at the intersection of Knox Road and extending in a southerly direction a distance of 2,000 feet.
- B. East side of Route 3A beginning at a point approximately 300 feet south of Grandview Road extending in a northerly direction 700 feet.
- C. East side and west side of Albin Road beginning at a point approximately 200 feet south of the southern most entrance of Woodlawn Circle and extending in a northerly direction a distance of approximately 1,000 feet.
- D. East side of South Street at the intersection of Northeast Avenue in a southerly direction approximately 150 feet.
- E. South side of Northeast Avenue at the intersection of South Street and extending in an easterly direction a distance of approximately 300 feet.
- F. In areas around the parking lot of the Town Hall that are posted as no parking zones.
- G. No parking in areas designated as police vehicles only.
- H. No parking in any areas whether on public or private property, specifically designated for physically handicapped by means of an approved sign as defined in RSA 275-C9 I (A), unless that person has a special number plate, a number plate decal, a tag or a card issued pursuant to RSA 260:17 or 18-a.
- I. No parking on the east side of Grandview Road from Route 3A northerly a distance of approximately 500 feet.
- J. No parking on the west side of Grandview road from Route 3A northerly a distance of approximately 1,000 feet.
- K. No parking on the north side of Tallwood Drive from Route 3A easterly a distance of approximately 300 feet.

- L.** No parking on the west side of Route 3A from the Concord/Bow town line southerly a distance of approximately 300 feet.
- M.** No parking on the east side of South Street from the southern most entrance to the Bow Mobil Convenience Store northerly a distance of approximately 300 feet.
- N.** No parking in areas around parking lots of any Bow schools that are posted as no parking zones.

25.3 Fire Lanes

When signs are erected and the road surface clearly marked giving notice thereof no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any road or way described as a fire lane.

25.4 Emergency Restriction on Parking

The Chief of Police may restrict or prohibit parking or travel on any public road in the Town whenever the ordinary uses of same become hazardous because of the existence of some emergency condition.

25.5 Construction Area Parking

All vehicles in a construction area on a public way or private property shall be parked in such a manner as to allow vehicles to pass safely and unobstructed.

25.6 Winter Parking

No vehicle shall park on any road or right of way in the town in a manner so as to hamper the removal of snow from the roads or right of way, and may be towed at the discretion of the DPW Director.

25.7 Owner Responsibility for Illegal Parking

A person shall not allow or permit a vehicle registered in his name to park in violation of any of the Ordinances of this town controlling the parking of vehicles. The owner or person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held responsible for such violation.

25.8 Towing of Illegally Parked Vehicles

Any vehicle found to be illegally parked on any road or right of way or in violation or any of the ordinances controlling parking may be towed at the discretion of any town police officer. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or the person the vehicle is registered to, to pay any and all towing and storage fees due. All towing of illegally parked vehicles will be done by a private commercial towing service.

25.9 Penalties

- A.** A person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00 for each offense, except that the following optional procedure may be used in lieu of court proceedings.

- B. The owner or the person the vehicle is registered to may within (5) five working days of the time when a notice of violation was attached to the vehicle pay to the Bow Police Department the sum of \$25.00 as a penalty in lieu of court proceedings.
- C. If the initial fine is not paid within 72 hours, a \$10.00 penalty assessment is charged.
- D. After 10 days, the Bow Police Department will send a courtesy letter of reminder to the owner or registrant extending a final 72 hour grace period from the date of the letter received for the payment of fine totaling \$35.00. Once the 72 hour grace period expires, a summons shall be issued to the registrant of the vehicle to appear in the court of jurisdiction.
- E. If the owner or the registrant has accumulated three or more unpaid parking tickets and is beyond the initial grace period, the vehicle may be immobilized by a parking boot. The owner or registrant of the said vehicle will be charged a \$25.00 fee for removal of the boot and all outstanding parking files must be paid before the vehicle is released.
- F. The police department will apply the boot to the vehicle along with a sticker warning that non-authorized persons may not move the vehicle until the boot has been removed. The sticker shall provide notice of what must be done to have the boot removed. If the registrant has not contacted the police department to have boot removed within 24 hours, the vehicle will be towed. The registrant will be responsible for paying the towing charge. Tampering with, damaging or removing a parking boot will subject the registrant to a \$300.00 fine.
- G. Any funds collected by the town shall be deposited in the town surplus fund.

25.8 Towing/Booting of Vehicles

Any vehicle found to be illegally parked on any road or right of way or in violation of any of the ordinances controlling parking, and any vehicle that has accumulated three or more unpaid parking tickets, may be towed, a parking boot may be applied or both, at the discretion of any town police officer. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or the registrant of the said vehicle, to pay any and all towing and storage fees' due. All towing will be done by a private commercial towing service. If a parking boot is applied to a vehicle, it shall be the responsibility of the owner or registrant of the said vehicle to pay for the removal of the boot and all outstanding parking tickets, towing and storage fees, before the vehicle is released.

ARTICLE 26

TRAFFIC CONTROL

26.1 No thru trucking

The Board of Selectmen may designate any road in the Town of Bow as no thru trucking roads. The following roads are designated as no thru trucking roads as defined in Article 21.2

- A. Grandview Road north and south bound from Short Street to Route 3A.

26.2 OHRV - Off Highway Recreational Vehicle

No OHRV as defined in RSA 215 A: 1 VI will be operated on any Town road or property except as provided by RSA 215-A. The provision of this ordinance shall not apply to snow or ice covered traveling OHRV.

26.3 Snow Removal

- A. No person shall permit or allow snow removed from their driveway or parking lot to be plowed or placed onto or across any road in the town at any time.
- B. No person shall permit or allow snow removed from their driveway, parking lot or property to be plowed or placed or deposited onto any Town property, nor shall any snow removed be placed or deposited in any manner that would hinder access to any town property.
- C. Any person or organization convicted of violating this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$250.00.

26.4 Covered Loads

- A. No person shall operation on any road in the town any open vehicle loaded with earth, sand, asphalt, stone gravel or other particulate substance unless said vehicle is equipped with and said vehicle is covered and secured by a close fitting tarpaulin which prevents the escape of any substance from said load onto the road.
- B. This ordinance shall not apply to the operation of municipal and state highway maintenance equipment.
- C. Any person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$500.00.

26.5 Flag People Required

The Chief of Police of the town may at his/her discretion require that traffic control people (flag people) to safely direct traffic are employed by any construction company, utility company or any other company or individual doing any work on private or public property that requires the placing or parking of any equipment on any portion of road in the town, which in the opinion of the Chief of Police constitute a hazard to the general public. The cost of such traffic control people shall be borne by the company or individual required to hire them.

ARTICLE 27
GENERAL PROVISIONS

27.3 Junk Vehicles

No person, business or organization shall allow, permit or have on their property two (2) or more unregistered vehicles, unless they have complied with the regulation of RSA 236 covering junk vehicles.

27.5 Littering on Town Property

No person shall permit or allow the dumping, placing or dropping of any trash, bottles, cans, or any other type of refuse on any town property except in a property receptacle furnished by the town.

27.6 Fireworks

A. The town adopts the provisions of RSA 160-B

B. Permit to sell or display – any permit to offer for sale, expose for sale, and sell at retail any fireworks must be approved by the following procedure.

1. Approval by the Chief of Police – the Chief of Police must conduct an investigation into the character of the applicant and all employees.
2. Approval by the Fire Chief – the Fire Chief will conduct and investigation as to the location of the proposed sales, location, and storage of any fireworks and into any other area that falls into fire safety. The Fire Chief or his Deputy may within 24 hours notice upon issuance of any permit conduct an inspection of the location used for the storage and or sale of any fireworks for compliance with safety regulations.
3. Approval of the Board of Selectmen – Upon conferring with the Chiefs of Police and Fire and any citizen that wishes to be heard, the Board of Selectmen may issue a permit for the sale of Class C fireworks. The Board of Selectmen may attach any other restrictions that they deem necessary for the safety of the general public.
4. Any organization shall be required to apply for a permit to have a display of fireworks, either for a private function or open to the general public. The approval of the Chief of Police and Fire Chief and the Board of Selectmen shall be required for the permit.

C. Revocation of Permit

1. The Chief of Police or the Fire Chief may with the approval of the Board of Selectmen of the Town and for good cause, revoke the permit issued under this ordinance.
2. Any person or organization having a permit revoked shall not have a new permit issued until such time that the reason for the revocation has been corrected.

3. Any person or organization having a permit revoked must re-apply for issuance of a permit and must comply with Section B of this ordinance. The Board of selectmen may consider any and all past revocations in it's decision to issue or refuse an application for a permit.

D. Private Person with Fireworks

The Town hereby grants a permit to any town resident at least 18 years of age to use or display Class C fireworks on their own property or on the property of another with the permission of the owner or person in charge of the property. Section B, G, and H of this ordinance shall not apply to any town resident, who uses or displays Class C fireworks on their own property or that of another with permission of the owner or person in charge of the property.

E. Certain Types of Fireworks Banned

No person or organization shall possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, purchase, use or explode any type of Class B fireworks except as allowed under RSA 160-B. The Board of Selectmen may grant a permit for a display for Class B fireworks after the procedures in Section B, IV, of this ordinance have been followed and the requirements of R.S.A. 160-B have been followed.

F. Restrictions

- A. No fireworks shall be used or displayed in the Town before the hour of 9:00am and no later than the hour of 10:00pm.
- B. No fireworks shall be used or displayed before May 1st of each year nor after September 15th of each year without the written permission of the Board of Selectmen and only upon application as set forth under Section B of this ordinance.

G. Form of Permit

The board of Selectmen shall determine the form of the permit which shall require the following information:

- A. Name and address of the organization or person selling or setting up a display.
- B. Location of where the fireworks will be sold or where the display will be held.
- C. Location of where the fireworks will be stored.
- D. Name and address of insurance company.

H. Insurance Required

The person or organization shall be required to obtain insurance in the amount that the Board of Selectmen set and that the town shall be named as a party in the insurance policy. This shall not apply to Section D of this ordinance.

I. Fees

Any person or organization applying for a permit under this ordinance shall be required to pay a fee of \$200.00 dollars, which shall be non-refundable. A permit issued under Hawkers and Peddlers permit as used in RSA 320 shall be deemed not to meet the requirements under this ordinance.

27.7 Display or Possession of Fireworks

- A.** No person or organization shall possess or display any class of fireworks with the town, except as provided for in this ordinance.
- B.** The Board of Selectmen, upon application, may issue a permit to any organization for a display of any class of fireworks.
- C.** The Board of Selectmen shall cause a fee to be paid by the organization upon issuance of the permit. The amount of fee shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen.
- D.** The board of Selectmen may set any restriction it so deems necessary for the safety of the general public.
- E.** It shall be the responsibility of the organization or person to reimburse the town of the cost of police and fire protection when such service is provided for the display of fireworks.

30.1 Fishing in Town of Bow Pond

It shall be unlawful for anyone over the age of thirteen years of age to fish in the Town of Bow pond at anytime. Notwithstanding any rules and regulations of the Fish and Game Department no person over the age of 13 years of age shall take fish or any species from the Town of Bow pond. Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and in addition be guilty of a violation for each fish taken in violation of this section.

30.2 Watercraft and Floatation Devices on or in Town of Bow Pond

It shall be unlawful for anyone to have any type of watercraft or floatation device on or in the Town of Bow pond at anytime day or night. (This excludes emergency services of any type which may be there for training or actual events, also excluded are any radio controlled type of toy boats.) Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation.

For the purpose of the above Town Ordinances, the Town of Bow Pond shall mean the pond located south of the Bow Community Building on Bow Center road running in a southerly and easterly direction being bordered by the Town of Bow land.

Noise Control By-Law

- 1. Purpose** – Pursuant to the authority granted by the provisions of RSA 31:39 I (n), the Town of Bow adopts this by-law regulating

noise generated within the Town of Bow outside of normal business hours.

2. **Prohibition** – Except for good cause shown, as determined and approved by the Board of Selectmen in its sole discretion, no construction, excavation, logging, well digging or other similar noise generating activity shall be conducted in the Town of Bow before 7:00 in the morning, after 6:30 in the evening, or at any time on Sunday.
3. **Enforcement** – Pursuant to RSA 31:39, II, the Bow Police Department is designated to enforce the provision of this bylaw.
4. **Penalty** – Any violation of this bylaw is punishable in accordance with RSA 31:39, III, by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, to ensure such uses as the board of Selectmen may direct.