

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES

SEASONAL TO YEAR ROUND CONVERSIONS (synopsis):

A person, prior to converting a season dwelling must seek a Conversion Permit from the Board of Selectmen. Applicants must demonstrate that the septic system has a prior State approval, or that sufficient site conditions exist to allow for the replacement of the existing system with a State approved system should the old system fail.

Adopted March 11, 1986

Note: Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Building Regulations regarding Seasonal Conversions were adopted by the Town of Bridgewater in March, 1999. Please reference those sections for specific regulations.

BAN ON WINTER PARKING (synopsis):

No overnight parking will be allowed from November 1 through April 1 on any Town road. Violators will be towed at their expense. (For the purposes of winter road maintenance.)

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen, 1980

PUBLIC DANCES:

Regulations regarding public dances, or operating public dance halls. In general, a written request shall be made to the Board of Selectmen. (See the Board of Selectmen for details.)

Adopted by Town Meeting, 1970

DOG CONTROL LAW:

It is unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian. See RSA 466:30-A for details.

Adopted by Town Meeting, 1980

The above is a summary of Regulations and Ordinances, is for reference and may not include modifications or additional Regulations or Ordinances in effect within the Town. Interested parties should contact the Board of Selectmen for additional information.

SEX OFFENDER RESTRICTION ORDINANCE

PURPOSE

Acknowledging that sex offenders who prey on children are at a higher risk of re-offending, the Town of Bridgewater has a compelling interest and responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of its children by restricting access to areas where there are high concentrations of children.

DEFINITIONS

1. Registered Sex Offenders: This ordinance shall only apply to offenders who have been convicted of the crime against a person under the age of 18 and as a result, are required to register for life pursuant to RSA 651-B:6.
2. School/Daycare: Any public or private educational facility that provides services to children in grades K-12 or any day care facility.
3. Protected Area: A school, day care, playground area, athletic field or court, public beach, or any recreational facility where minors regularly congregate completely or partially.
4. Radius: The distance shall be measured from the outer boundary lines of the properties in question within the boundaries of Bridgewater.
5. Premises: Shall mean the building structure or cartilage surrounding the building, playground area, playing fields, courts and beaches.

RESTRICTIONS

1. A registered sex offender shall not reside within a 2,500 foot radius of the property line of a Protected Area.
2. A registered sex offender as defined above is prohibited from entering upon the premises of a school or day care center, unless specifically authorized by the school administration or day care center administration.

EXCEPTIONS

This ordinance shall not apply to:

1. A residence of a Registered Sex Offender residing within 2500 feet of a Protected Area if the residency was established prior to the date of passage of this ordinance, or if a new Protected Area is proposed or built at a location that would otherwise be restricted under this ordinance after the date of residency.

PROTECTED AREAS

Protected area currently under this ordinance include:

1. The Bridgewater-Hebron Village School, 25 School House Rd.
2. Whittemore Point Association Beach, Shore Drive South
3. Sawhegenet Falls Park, River Road
4. Any licensed day care center that has been licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

PENALTIES

1. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00 for the first offense and shall relocate within 30 days. Any subsequent violations of this chapter by the same person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 and must vacate the premises within 27 hours.
2. Any person who fails to relocate within the 30 days will also be subjected to a \$50.00 per day fine for the failing to comply with the ordinance. That fine will start 30 days after the subject has been notified by the Board of Selectmen to relocate, which notice may be given in the same manner as service of process in any district court action.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be effective as of March 12, 2008.

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