

SWANTON VILLAGE POLICE REGULATIONS AND OFFENSES ORDINANCE

ARTICLE 1. Offenses

Sec. 1 LITTERING PROHIBITED

No person shall place or leave in or upon a street or public place, any loose papers, cards, handbills, posters, or similar material.

Sec. 2 INDECENT EXPOSURE

No person shall publicly make an indecent, immodest or immoral exhibition of his person, or of any animal or thing, nor commit any nuisance in or upon any street, public place, common or park within the Village of Swanton.

Sec. 3 INDECENT EXPOSURE, SWIMMING

No person, unless wearing trunks or bathing suit, shall swim or bathe in the Missisquoi River within the Village of Swanton.

Sec. 4 DISTURBING A LAWFUL ASSEMBLY

No person shall willfully disturb or annoy a lawful assembly, collection of persons, or organized meeting of any kind, in any unlawful manner or by any unlawful means whatsoever.

Sec. 5 DISTURBING THE PEACE

No person shall make, aid, or abet any disturbance, unreasonable noise, riot or disorder at, in or about any building, property or other place within the Village of Swanton.

Sec. 6 DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN DWELLING

No person shall suffer or permit any building or other place, owned or occupied by him/her, or part thereof, to be used, frequented or resorted to by riotous or disorderly persons, vagrants, or prostitutes, nor suffer or permit any boisterous, riotous or disorderly conduct therein or thereabout.

Sec. 7 PROJECTILES LIMITED TO PERMITTED PROPERTIES

(a) Projectiles shall not be projected to, from, over or through properties (including real property, personal property, and public streets, highways and sidewalks) unless the projector has permission from the owner or the owner's agent and resident thereof.

(b) The term "projectile" shall include but is not limited to snowballs, balls, bean bags, fireworks, stones, arrows, BB's or any other items that are projected by throwing, casting, spitting, kicking, or with the aid of a bow or sling shot.

Sec. 8 URINATION AND DEFECATION IN STREETS

No person shall urinate or defecate in any street, park or other public place except in facilities specifically provided for this purpose.

Sec. 9 USE OF ARMS

No person shall discharge or fire or cause to be discharged, or fired, any revolver, pistol, rifle, shotgun, air rifle, BB gun, or other similar firearm or weapon within the limits of the Village of Swanton. This prohibition shall not apply to the use of firearms or weapons by any duly constituted police officer or other public official when such use is reasonably necessary in the performance of his duties as such officer or official; nor shall it apply to the use of shotgun, air rifle, or BB gun, by a hunter in the active pursuit of game, except that such shotgun shall not be used with ammunition containing a single slug,

pellet or missile in any one cartridge or shell, nor shall either shotgun or air rifle be discharged within a distance of 200 yards from any building and shooting within 100 yards of an accepted street or highway, and provided further that this ordinance shall not prevent the discharge of firearms on any properly constructed firing range or in the conduct of a contest, shoot, meet, or game when reasonable precautions are taken for the protection of the public safety; nor shall it prevent the use of firearms for the disposal of vermin when permission for such use has been first obtained from the Chief of Police of the Village of Swanton.

Sec. 10 DISCHARGE OF A BOW

The discharge of an arrow from a bow within the Village of Swanton shall be conducted only when reasonable precautions are taken for the protection of public safety.

Sec. 11 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS OR WEAPONS IN ANY VILLAGE PARK

The discharge of a revolver, pistol, rifle, shotgun, air rifle, BB gun, arrow from a bow, or a similar firearm or weapon within the limits of any Swanton Village park is not permitted without written permission of the Chief of Police.

Sec. 12 DRINKING IN A PUBLIC PLACE

No person shall consume, open a container of, or carry an opened container of malt beverage, wine or intoxicating liquor in a "public area" within the Village of Swanton, or in any vehicle parked or operated thereon. "Public area" is defined for the purpose of this section as:

- (1) Public highways, roads, streets, sidewalks or parking lots open to the public; and
- (2) Swanton Village owned property, including parks, buildings and property designated for school and recreational use.
 - (a) Alcohol is permitted on Swanton Village owned property for special events with a permit issued by the Swanton Village Board of Trustees and with proof of applicable liability insurance. The cost of the permit will be \$100.

Sec. 13 SMOKING PROHIBITED IN VILLAGE PARKS

No person shall hold or possess any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or device containing tobacco or a tobacco product or a tobacco substitute within or upon any park, field or recreational area owned by the Village of Swanton which is conspicuously posted with signage prohibiting smoking.

- (a) **DEFINITION:** The terms "tobacco product" and "tobacco substitute" shall have the meaning ascribed to them by general law in the State of Vermont.

Sec. 14 PENALTY: VIOLATION AS CIVIL OFFENSES

It is a Civil Offense for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in Sections 1-13 of this chapter. Any violation of Sections 7, 12 and 13 is subject to a fine of \$50. A violation of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of this chapter is subject to a fine of \$100.

Adopted on _____

Swanton Village Board of Trustees

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Chris Leach, Trustee

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ATTEST: _____
Dianne Day, Village Clerk