

OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC POLICY

Section 1. Skateboards Bicycles or Like Conveyances:

- 1.1 Pedestrians shall have the right of way on all town sidewalks. Failure to yield right of way by person(s) on bicycles, skateboards, roller skates or other like means of conveyance shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.
- 1.2 Skateboarding, roller skating or other like means of conveyance is prohibited on all the following Bristol Streets and sidewalks along both sides of Main St., South St., West St. to and inclusive of Maplefield's Mobil & Village Creeme, North St. to the intersection of Lawrence Lane and Prince Lane to include parking at the Bristol Shaw's, Rite Aid and the National Bank of Middlebury. Bicycles may not be operated on those sidewalks mentioned in this section except when needed to approach or depart a bike rack, residence or place of business from the street and are exempt from the prohibitions of other conveyances for Prince Lane and parking areas off Prince Lane. Bicycles must also operate in accordance with State Law as stated in 23 VSA or be in violation of this ordinance.
- 1.3 Skateboarding, roller skating or other like means of conveyance is prohibited on Mountain Street from Crescent Street to Garfield Street, On Spring Street, on Fitch Ave. and the sidewalks between Fitch and Spring on Mountain Street between the hours of 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm whenever school is in session.
- 1.4 Skateboarding, roller-skating or other like means of conveyance is prohibited on all privately owned but publicly accessed property when written request is received by the Town of Bristol from the property owner or agent.
- 1.5 In all cases where a violation occurs the violator (or parent of the violator in the case of a juvenile under age 16) will first be given notice of the violation either verbally or in writing. If prior notice / warning has been given to the violator (or parent of the violator in the case of a juvenile under age 16) then the violator will be charged with violation of this ordinance. In the case of a juvenile, the parent or guardian of the offending juvenile will be responsible for the violation.
- 1.6 In all cases where a violation occurs the enforcement officer may confiscate the conveyance. In cases of a first offense the conveyance shall be returned to the violator (or parent of the violator in the case of a juvenile under age 16) following confirmation no prior violations exist. In cases of second and subsequent violations the conveyance shall be held and the Town shall maintain a lien on the conveyance until payment is received on the violation or adjudication of the violation is completed.

Enforcement: This ordinance is enacted by the Bristol Select Board to promote the public health, safety and welfare of the Town under the authority it is granted to regulate as set forth in 24 V.S.A. Section 2291. This ordinance shall constitute a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

Waiver Fee: An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of a civil penalty, in the following amount for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee.

First Offense	WARNING
Second Offense	\$50
Third & Subsequent Offenses	\$100

Civil Penalties: An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover civil penalties in the following amounts for each violation.

Second Offense	\$100
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Section 2. Creating Public Disturbance or Inconvenience:

- 2.1 The use of any skateboard, bicycle, roller skate or other like conveyance which is operated or used in a manner that interferes with or strikes a pedestrian on any public sidewalk or causes a person to refrain from the use of any public sidewalk for fear of being struck is prohibited.
- 2.2 The use of any skateboard, bicycle, roller skate or other like conveyance which is operated or used in a manner that interferes with or strikes a pedestrian or vehicle on any public highway as defined in 23VSA is prohibited.
- 2.3 Persons may not stand on a public sidewalk or roadway or leave items under their control upon a sidewalk or roadway in such a manner as to interfere with the pedestrian use of any public sidewalk or motorists use of the roadway.
- 2.4 Persons may not urinate or defecate in any public outdoor location. The use of an outdoor or portable toilet facility does not constitute a violation of this section.
- 2.5 Persons may not play stereos, radios or other such devices from a motor vehicle (as defined by VSA 23), which can be heard at a distance of 25 feet from the vehicle.
- 2.6 A person may not be out in a public location nude and shall at least have those parts of their bodies normally covered by a bathing suit clothed while in a public place or visible while outdoors from a public place. A woman breastfeeding her child, irrespective of whether her breast is covered, shall not be considered in a state of nudity. The term "public location" shall mean any location likely to be observed by members of the public and where the public is present or likely to be present, including streets, sidewalks, parks, parking lots and business and commercial establishments; both for profit and not-for-profit and whether open to the public at large or where entrance is limited by a cover charge or membership requirement.

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Second Offense	\$100
Third & Subsequent Offenses	\$250

Section 3. Effective Date:

This ordinance shall become effective on August 21, 2015, after its adoption by the Bristol Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the taking effect of this ordinance shall be governed by that statute.

Adopted by the Bristol Selectboard on June 22nd 2015.

_____ (Chair) _____

Adoption History:

1. Agenda item at regular Selectboard meeting held on 06-22-15.
2. Read and approved at regular Selectboard meeting on 06-22-15 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on _____.
3. Posted in public places on _____.
4. Notice of adoption published in the Addison Independent newspaper on _____ with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions (petitions, etc)

Certificate of the Clerk: I certify this ordinance was adopted as detailed above and filed / recorded on

_____ day of _____ 2015

Bristol Town Clerk