

*****This Petition Warrant Article was passed by Town Vote on March 12, 2024 and was passed as written. (Yes 729/No 645)**

TOWN OF LITTLETON ORDINANCE CHAPTER 26

No Overnight Camping Ordinance on Town Owned Property

Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the safe and efficient use of public properties within the Town of Littleton. Public Health, safety, and the quiet enjoyment of public properties are important to the quality of life for residents and visitors. Public property use regulation is allowed under New Hampshire RSA 31:39 and its subsections

Prohibited Activities

It shall be unlawful to camp, without written permission from the Town Selectmen, or their designee, on the following properties owned by the Town of Littleton; any parks, municipal parking lots, public streets, town owned properties or town green spaces. Camping is defined as, “any activity that involves an overnight stay, whether sheltered or unsheltered or within automobile, camper, or other vehicle.” Whether an overnight stay occurs, “activities commonly associated with the preparation for an overnight stay,” are also included in this definition. The period of time defined as an overnight stay shall mean, “10 PM to 6 AM.

Exemptions

This prohibition specifically exempts persons or organizations that have obtained prior written permission by the Town Selectmen, or their designee, to camp in a specific area for a specific time period. All permissible camping will follow “carry in-carry out” guidelines when camping on Town of Littleton Property.

Penalties

The penalty for a violation of this chapter shall be a fine of \$10 for the first offense. For any second or subsequent violation within a twelve-month period the fine shall be \$25. This shall be enforced by the Littleton Police Department.