

Town of Highgate
Loitering Ordinance

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 24, Vermont State Statutes, Sections 1971 and 2291 and such other general enactments as may be material hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Selectboard of the Town of Highgate that the following Loitering Ordinance is adopted as a civil ordinance for the Town of Highgate, Vermont.

Article I Definitions

HOURS: 24 hours per day/7 days per week

ENFORCEMENT: Any authorized enforcement officer, including but Not limited to; Town Constable, Vermont State Police, Sheriff Department, Border Patrol, Fish & Wildlife Service or any other Contracted police service.

LOITER/LOITERING: To linger, to stand or wait around idly or without apparent purpose; especially, to fail to leave such premises when requested to do so by an enforcement officer.

Article II Scope

The ordinance establishes special loitering regulations and curfew times on Town of Highgate property within the Town of Highgate.

Article III Municipal Property Curfew

Section 1 – A curfew preventing loitering is hereby established

24 hours per day/7 days per week on the following municipal property:

- 1) Highgate Elementary School and Playgrounds, Gore Road**
- 2) Highgate Recreational Arena and Playing Fields, Gore Road**
- 3) Highgate Town Library, Main Street**
- 4) Highgate Village Park, Route 78**
- 5) Highgate Municipal Complex, Route 78**
- 6) Highgate Park & Ride, Route 78**
- 7) Highgate Falls Park, Route 207**
- 8) Highgate Boat Launch, Shipyard Road**
- 9) Municipal Cemeteries throughout Highgate**
- 10) Missisquoi Valley Union Middle and High School**

Article IV General Provisions

Enforcement

This ordinance is adopted as a civil ordinance and will be enforced as such pursuant to the provisions of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1974a and 1977.

Separate Offenses

Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense. The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative to the fullest extent permitted by law with respect to all others

statutes or ordinances now or hereafter adopted regardless of their order of passage or enactment.

Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if any provision hereof be judged invalid, such judgement shall not affect the validity of any provision.

Designation

This ordinance may be referred to as the Highgate Loitering Ordinance and in a prosecution here under a copy of such ordinance, certified by the Town Clerk, shall be prima facie evidence thereof. An allegation that the act constituting the offense charged is contrary to the a specified provision of this ordinance shall be a sufficient reference hereto.

Adopted by The Town of Highgate Selectboard

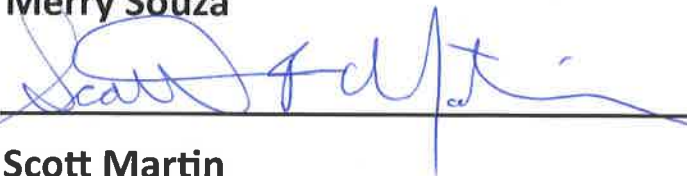


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