

Adopted May 20, 1985
Amended May 16, 2005

**“BY-LAW ESTABLISHING A CURFEW AND RULES REGARDING THE POSTING
OF RESTRICTIONS IN PARKS PLAYGROUNDS, SCHOOL YARDS AND
CONSERVATION AREAS”**

Section 1:

No person or persons shall be allowed to loiter or remain upon any park, playground, school-yard or Town owned conservation area between one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and one-half (1\2) hour before sunrise unless in the performance or attendance of a sport, educational, governmental, or other recreational activity as authorized in writing by the Board or Commission having control of said property.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this By-law shall be subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

Whoever violates the provisions of this By-law may be arrested without a warrant by an officer authorized to serve criminal process and kept in custody until he can be taken before a court having jurisdiction over the offense.”

Section 2:

From time to time the Playground and Recreation Commission, Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Conservation Commission, or other authority with control over Town properties, may adopt other reasonable restrictions on the use of parks, playgrounds, school yards, and conservation areas, including but not limited to restrictions on the use of such areas for walking dogs and other pets and restrictions on use of such areas by persons riding dirt bikes and other motorized recreational vehicles, and to post such restrictions in said areas.

Any person violating said posted restrictions shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not to exceed one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. As an alternative to initiating criminal proceedings under this section, any police officer taking cognizance of a violation of said posted restrictions may employ the provisions and procedures for non-criminal disposition of violations contained in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40, section 21D, and the Non-criminal Disposition By-law adopted under Article 3 of the December 16, 1991, Special Town Meeting, as amended. If such non-criminal disposition is employed, the penalty of such violations shall be \$25.00 for the first violation, \$50.00 for a second or any subsequent violation.

A True Copy Attest:

Dolores Berge, Town Clerk