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**Town of Somerset**  
**Non-Criminal Disposition By-law**

**Adopted – Special Town Meeting of December 16, 1991 – Article 3**  
**Amended – Annual Town Meeting of May 20, 1996 – Article 12**  
**Amended – Special Town Meeting of August 4, 1997 – Article 10**  
**Amended – Annual Town Meeting of May 21, 2001 – Article 10**  
**Amended - Special Town Meeting of December 3, 2001 – Article 18**  
**Amended – Annual Town Meeting of May 16, 2005 – Article 43**  
**Amended – Special Town Meeting of November 5, 2007 – Article 14**  
**Amended – Special Town Meeting of November 5, 2007 – Article 15**  
**Amended – Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 2008 – Article 40**  
**Amended – Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 2008 – Article 41**  
**Amended – Special Town Meeting of May 16, 2011 – Article 4**  
**Amended – Special Town Meeting of October 28, 2013 – Article 10**  
**Amended – Special Town Meeting of November 18, 2015 – Article 16**  
**Amended – Special Town Meeting of December 3, 2018 – Article 7**  
**Amended – Special Town Meeting of November 6, 2023 – Article 10**  
**Amended- Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 2025 – Article 21**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, non-criminal disposition of violations of the following Articles and Rules and Regulations is hereby authorized:

Article 13 adopted at the May 21, 1979, Annual Town Meeting (Public Drinking By-law);

Article 33 adopted at the May 20, 1985, Annual Town Meeting (Curfew By-law);

Article 38 adopted at the May 19, 1986, Annual Town meeting (Unregistered/Junk Vehicles By-law);

The Somerset Board of Health Regulations affecting the Purchasing and Advertising of Tobacco: penalties as provided therein.

Article 9 adopted at the August 4, 1997, Special Town Meeting (The Somerset School Department Smoking By-law).

The Town of Somerset Sanitary Sewer Rules and Regulations, as adopted by the Somerset Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, and amended from time to time.

The Somerset Board of Health Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners, as adopted on February 14, 2001, and amended from time to time.

By-law Regulating For-Profit Door to Door Business and Solicitations, as

amended from time to time. (ATM 5/19/25- ARTICLE 21)

False Alarm By-law, as amended from time to time

By-law establishing a curfew and Rules regarding the Posting of Restrictions in Parks, Playgrounds, School Yards and Conservation Areas, as amended from time to time.

Town of Somerset Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Vehicles for Hire, as Adopted on August 8, 2007, and amended from time to time.

The Somerset Board of Health Regulation Prohibiting Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places, as adopted on October 24, 2007, and amended from time to time.

Somerset Sex Offender Residency and Restriction Zone Bylaw, as adopted on May 19, 2008, and amended from time to time

Town of Somerset Board of Health Regulations affecting the Sale of Tobacco Products, as amended effective April 17, 2008, and amended from time to time.

Town of Somerset By-law Concerning Vacant and Foreclosing Properties

Somerset Second-Hand Dealers and Collectors By-law adopted February 25, 2013, and amended from time to time. (Amended STM 10/28/13 – Article 10)

Public Consumption of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol By-law (STM 11/18/15 – Article 16)

Sanitary Regulations for Keeping Animals in the Town of Somerset adopted on September 12, 2018, and amended from time to time. (STM 12/03/2018 – Article 7)

Town of Somerset Zoning By-law, as amended from time to time. (STM 11/6/2023 – Article 10)

As an alternative to initiating criminal proceedings, any police officer taking cognizance of a violation of any of said sections may give the offender a written notice to appear before the Clerk of the district Court having jurisdiction thereof at any time during office hours, not later than twenty-one (21) days after the date of such notice.

All of the provisions and procedures set forth in said section 21D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended, shall apply to the non-criminal disposition of said by-law violations.

Any person who violates the provisions of any of the said sections and who has been given such written notice as provided in this section shall be subject to a specific penalty as set forth herein:

For a violation of:

Public Drinking By-law: A penalty of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars;

Curfew By-law: a penalty of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars for the first offense, Fifty (\$50.00) for each subsequent offense;

Unregistered/Junk Vehicles By-law: an penalty of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.

The Somerset Board of Health Regulations affecting the Purchasing and Advertising of Tobacco: Penalties as provided therein.

The Somerset School Department Smoking By-law: penalties as provided therein.

The Town of Somerset Sanitary Sewer Rules and Regulations: penalties as provided therein.

The Somerset Board of Health Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners: penalties as provided therein.

By-law Regulating For-Profit Door-to-Door Business Solicitations: penalties as provided therein.

False Alarm By-law, penalties as provided therein.

By-law Establishing a Curfew and Rules regarding the Posting of Restrictions in Parks, Playgrounds, School Yards and Conservation Areas: penalties as provided therein.

Town of Somerset Rules and regulations for Licensing of Vehicles for Hire: Penalties as provided therein.

The Somerset Board of Health Regulation Prohibiting Smoking in Workplaces And Public Places: penalties as provided therein.

Somerset Sex Offender Residency and Restriction Zone By-law: penalties as provided therein.

Town of Somerset Board of Health Regulations affecting the Sale of Tobacco Products: penalties as provided therein.

Town of Somerset By-law Concerning Vacant and Foreclosing Properties: penalties as provided therein.

Somerset Second-Hand Dealers and Collector's By-law: penalties as provided therein. (STM 10/28/13 – Article 10)

Public Consumption of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol By-law (STM 11/18/15 – Article 16)

Sanitary Regulations for Keeping Animals in the Town of Somerset: penalties as provided therein.  
(STM 12/03/2018 – Article 7)

Town of Somerset Zoning By-law: penalties as provided therein. (STM 11/6/2023 – Article 10)

Any other person who violates the provisions of any of the By-laws or Rules and Regulations listed herein and against whom criminal proceedings have been initiated shall be subject to the penalties provided in the By-law, Rule or Regulation violated.

**A True Copy Attest:**

**Caitlin Hadala, Town Clerk**