



Chapter 12 - Miscellaneous Civil Offenses

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

Certain activities require regulation and enforcement to maintain order, protect property, promote business, and support the safety and welfare of the public. This chapter includes provisions to control and prohibit activities that affect the quality of life of Winooski citizens and shall apply at all times within the general limits of the City of Winooski.

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ARTICLE III - GENERAL REGULATIONS

SECTION 12.01 - DEFINITIONS

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - Any law enforcement officer as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(11), or duly appointed code enforcement officer for the City of Winooski.



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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - The following persons certified pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2358: sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables whose authority has not been limited under 24 V.S.A. § 1936(a), police officers, state's attorneys, capitol police officers, motor vehicle inspectors, liquor investigators, state game wardens, and state police.

PREMISES - A place or places, to include a building or facility, including the fenced or walled (or demarcated or segregated) space surrounding it.

PUBLIC PLACE - Any street, alley, highway, sidewalk, park, playground or place to which the general public has access and a right to resort for business, entertainment, or other lawful purpose. A public place shall also include but not be limited to any store, shop, bowling alley, cafe, theater, drug store, pool room, shopping center and any other place devoted to service, amusement or entertainment of the general public. It shall also include the front or immediate areas of the above. For the purposes of this chapter, any licensed establishment that sells malt, spirituous or alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises shall be considered as public.

SIDEWALK - That improved portion of a street between the curb lines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines intended for use, or routinely used, by pedestrians.

SECTION 12.02 - POSTING BILLS OR ADVERTISING PROHIBITED

No person shall post any show bills, advertisements or paper, or paint any sign, advertisement or notice, or post any political signs on any public building, fence, post, stone, tree or walk or on any other natural or artificial object within a public right-of-way within the city, except as may be permitted by the city council.

SECTION 12.03 - BOWS AND ARROWS, AIR GUNS, AND SLINGSHOTS RESTRICTED

No person shall shoot or use a bow and arrow, slingshot, an air gun or any similar devices within the city.



SECTION 12.04 - THROWING STONES AND OTHER MISSILES

No person shall throw stones or other missiles in or upon a public street, lane, alley or common in the city.

SECTION 12.05 - USE OF COASTER, ROLLER SKATES, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES RESTRICTED

No person upon roller skates, rollerblades, skateboard or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle or similar device shall go upon any roadway, except while crossing a street on a crosswalk, and when so crossing such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to pedestrians. No person shall coast or slide on a sled, sleigh or other vehicle in a street or upon the sidewalks thereof, except such streets as shall be designated by the city council.

SECTION 12.06 - SKATEBOARDING AND ROLLERBLADING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PLACES

The use of skateboards, rollerblades, scooters and/or other similar recreational devices shall be prohibited from use on city sidewalks in the downtown area (the area contained within the perimeter of the railroad tracks (north boundary), Abenaki Way (east boundary), the Winooski River (south boundary) and Mayo Street (west boundary)), parking garage and on all city public recreational property that is not specifically designated for skateboarding and rollerblading activities.

SECTION 12.07 - USES OF VEHICLES PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PLACES

The use of motor vehicles, trail bikes, motor scooters, snowmobiles or other such devices shall be prohibited on city public school property and city public recreation property that is not used as a traveled roadway or parking area. A person found operating a motor vehicle, trail bike, motor scooter, or snowmobile on school property or city recreation property that is not a traveled roadway, or parking area or access or egress to such traveled roadway or parking area, may be found in violation of the terms of this section.



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SECTION 12.08 - PUBLIC URINATION OR DEFECATING

No person shall urinate or defecate in any public place, street or park, except in facilities specifically provided for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV - PENALTIES

Unless otherwise stated, any violation of this chapter shall be a civil violation and subject to civil penalties and enforcement as provided for in Chapter 1, Section 1.11 of Winooski City Code.

Statutory Cross-Reference: 24 V.S.A. §1974a.