

**REVISED BY-LAWS**  
OF THE  
**Town of Southbridge**

ADOPTED BY TOWN APRIL 30, 1956

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**Section 3.** The annual town report shall contain, in addition to the reports of officers, boards and committees as hereinbefore provided, a detailed report of all moneys received into and paid out of the town treasury in the financial year next preceding, showing separately payments made from the proceeds of loans as capital outlays for permanent improvements; the report of the collector of taxes, of receipts, payments and abatements; statements of all funds belonging to the town or held for the benefit of its inhabitants, a statement of the liabilities of the town on bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness or otherwise, and of indebtedness authorized but not incurred, and the purpose thereof; a statement of transfers made to or from any appropriation; abstracts of the records of the meetings of the town held since publication of the last annual report; and such other matters as the said report is required by law to contain, or as may be inserted by the selectmen under the discretion granted them by Law.

## ARTICLE XI TOWN SEAL

**Section 1.** The town seal shall include thereon the words "Southbridge, Mass. Incorporated February 15, 1816" and the words "The Eye of the Commonwealth" as shown on the attached sample. Said seal shall be kept in the custody of the town clerk.



## ARTICLE XII STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

**Section 1.** No person shall place or maintain any sign, awning, canopy, shade or frame for the same, in or over any street without first obtaining a permit from the selectmen so to do. In no case shall any sign, awning, canopy, shade or frame, be less than seven feet above the sidewalk, nor extend into the street beyond the line of the sidewalk. The selectmen may require a bond to insure performance.

**Section 2.** No person shall allow any gate or door belonging to premises under his control, and adjoining any public way, to swing on, over or into said public way.

**Section 3.** No person shall place or cause to be placed in any of the public streets or squares, or upon any public sidewalk, without first obtaining a written permit from the selectmen therefor, any wood, lumber, coal or other obstruction.

**Section 4.** No person shall sweep, rake or throw, or place any rubbish or other like substance upon any sidewalk or street in the town, except in containers for the sole purpose of collection by employees or agents of the town during designated periods of collection.

**Section 5.** No person shall coast upon any sidewalk or upon any street, except at such times, and in such places as may be designated by the selectmen.

**Section 6.** No person shall distribute, display, place or cause to be distributed, displayed, or placed, any posters, handbills, placards, signs, notices or similar material in or upon any sidewalk, street, public building or other public property in the town without first obtaining a permit from the Selectmen or from the Chief of Police acting under authority delegated by the Selectmen.

**Section 7.** No person shall in any manner injure any of the drinking fountains or public grounds of the town, nor shall throw or place any substance into the same or into any of the public waters of the town.

**Section 8.** No person shall play upon any musical instrument, or form any public gathering in any street or public place in the town without a written permit therefor from the selectmen.

**Section 9.** No person, except the Selectmen, Highway Department, and Sewer commissioners in the lawful performance of their duties or those acting under their orders or those who are otherwise properly authorized, shall break up or dig in any street or public way in the Town without first obtaining a written permit from the Selectmen which permit shall state the regulations under which such excavation and restoration shall be done. All persons acting under such a permit, shall put up, erect, and maintain a suitable railing or fence around the part of the street so excavated so long as the same shall remain unsafe and inconvenient for travelers, and, he or they shall keep suitable lights attached to such railings or fence, or in some other way exposed every night from sunset until sunrise till the work is completed. The work or excavation done, under said permit, must be in accordance with such regulations and upon the completion of said work, the surface of said street or way shall be promptly restored as specified in the permit.

**Section 25.** No person shall direct any harmful or offensive, derisive or annoying actions or words to any other person who is lawfully in any public place, nor deride, offend, or annoy such person or prevent such person from pursuing a lawful occupation.

**Section 26.** The selectmen shall have control of the public streets, sidewalks and grounds of the Town for all purposes of public gatherings, and no public assembly or parade on such places within the Town shall be permitted unless a written permit stating the time, place and purpose of such event has been issued by the Selectmen or by the Chief of Police acting under authority delegated to him by the Selectmen.

**Section 27.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation; either as principal, agent, or employee, to play, use, or operate for advertising purposes, or for any other purpose whatsoever, on or upon the public streets, alleys, sidewalks, or thoroughfares in the town of Southbridge, any device known as a soundtruck, loudspeaker or sound amplifier, or radio or phonograph with a loudspeaker or sound amplifier, or any other instrument known as a calliope, or any instrument of any kind or character which emits therefrom loud and raucous noises and is attached to and upon any vehicle operated or standing upon said streets or public places aforementioned, unless a written permit stating the time, place and purpose of such event has been issued by the Selectmen or by the Chief of Police acting under authority delegated to him by the Selectmen.

**Section 28.** From November 15 through March 15 of each year between the hours of 2 A. M. and 6 A. M. there shall be no parking for a period longer than one-half hour on those portions of those streets which have parking meters, and on those streets or portions of those streets which are designated by the Board of Selectmen or the Chief of Police as follows: On the odd-numbered days of the month (first, third, fifth, etc.) parking shall be only on the side of the streets which have odd-numbered house numbers; on the even-numbered days of the month (second, fourth, sixth etc.) parking shall be on the side of the streets which have even-numbered house numbers. Those streets or portions of streets so designated shall be published in a local newspaper at least 3 times within the 2 weeks next preceding such effective date. Any vehicle in violation of this By-Law may be removed at the order of the Selectmen or the Chief of Police or their authorized representatives, and both the owner and operator of any such vehicle shall be liable to the town of Southbridge for a fine of not more than \$5 provided that, if the vehicle is removed for the purpose of snow removal, a towing charge of not more than \$5 and any reasonable storage charge may also be imposed.

## ARTICLE XIII TRESPASSING FOR IMPROPER PURPOSE

**Section 1.** No person shall enter upon private property for the purpose of or with the intent of looking in the window or door of any private dwelling. Any person observed violating this By-Law by an officer authorized to serve criminal process, if unknown to such officer, may be arrested without a warrant and kept in custody until he can be taken before a court having jurisdiction of the offence.

## ARTICLE XIV SOLICITORS, JUNK DEALERS, HAWKERS AND PEDLERS

**Section 1.** No person shall carry on the business of a keeper of a shop or yard for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second hand articles, or sell, solicit or offer for sale on or in any public place or way or from house to house in the Town of Southbridge unless he is duly licensed therefor by the Selectmen and in accordance with the rules and regulations established by them.

## ARTICLE XV RUBBISH

**Section 1.** Within forty-eight (48) hours after being notified in writing by the Chief of the Fire Department that rubbish, ashes or waste matters have been permitted to accumulate upon property owned or occupied by the person notified, to an extent liable to cause or spread fire, said owner or occupant so notified shall cause to be removed such rubbish, ashes or waste matter.

## ARTICLE XVI PENALTIES

**Section 1.** Except when otherwise provided by law, prosecutions for offenses under the By-Laws of the town may be made by any constable or police officer of the town.

**Section 2.** Whoever violates any provisions of the Town By-Laws or refuses or neglects to obey any order of the Board of Selectmen issued under these By-Laws and directed to him and properly served upon him, shall in cases not otherwise provided for, forfeit and pay for each offense a fine not exceeding Twenty (\$20) Dollars.