

**Town of Lincoln, NH**  
**Bicycle Ordinance**

Selectmen's Regulation Governing the Use of Bicycles and Other Nonmotorized Recreational Vehicles and Equipment Within the Limits of the Town of Lincoln

Pursuant to RSA 41:11 and RSA 265:149, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Lincoln hereby adopt the following regulation governing the use of public sidewalks, ways and commons, and other public areas within the Town by bicycles, skateboards and other nonmotorized recreational vehicles and equipment.

**1. Definitions.** In this regulation:

- (A) "Nonmotorized recreation vehicle" includes any device, wheeled or unwheeled, which conveys a person in a manner such as a bicycle, skateboard, inline skates, scooter or wagon.

**2. Rules of the Road for Bicycles.** The rules for operation of bicycles on public ways or public property in the Town of Lincoln shall be the same as that set forth in the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, including RSA 265:143 – 265:153, as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time.

**3. Required Equipment for Bicycles.** No person shall ride a bicycle on the public ways or public property of the Town of Lincoln unless it is equipped as required by New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, including RSA 265:144, as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time. **No person less than 16-years of age may operate or ride upon a bicycle on a public way unless he/she wears protective headgear of a type approved by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services.**

**4. Sidewalks and Bicycle Paths.** No person may operate or cause to be operated a bicycle, skateboard, scooter or other similar nonmotorized recreational vehicle on any sidewalk that has a designated bicycle path parallel to it, specifically the following are:

Connector Road Sidewalk

**5. Interference with Vehicular Traffic and Pedestrians.** No person may operate a bicycle, skateboard, scooter or other nonmotorized recreational vehicle in a manner which interferes with vehicular and pedestrian traffic properly using any public way, sidewalk, or common, except that a bicycle which is operated on a public way in a manner conforming to the rules of the road under State law. Bicycles and other nonmotorized recreational vehicles shall not be parked or left unattended on any public way, sidewalk or common in areas designated by the Selectmen, and in any event shall not be parked or left in a manner which obstructs or interferes with proper use of such ways, sidewalks or commons by authorized vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

6. **Exception for Certain Vehicles.** The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to reasonable usage of: devices used for the conveyance of a disabled individual, baby carriages, or equipment used in the delivery of goods or active construction.

7. **Game Playing in Public Ways.** For the safety and protection of participants pedestrians, passers-by, motorists and property, no person may play games involving running, jumping, throwing, catching or similar activities in any public way in the Town of Lincoln, except in designated areas determined by the Board of Selectmen, or except when authorized by special permit issued by the Board of Selectmen.

8. **Penalty.** Any person, firm or corporation who violates the provision of this section shall be guilty of a violation for each offense, and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$50 for each offense.


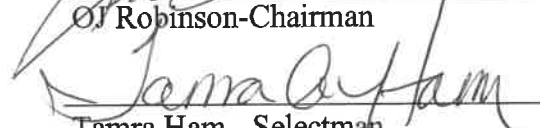
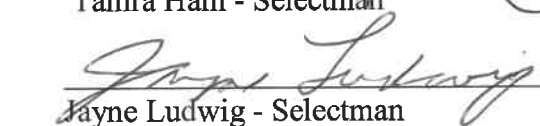
9. **Enhanced Penalty.** Any person, firm, or corporation, who is convicted of any 3 or more violations of this regulation within any 12-month period, may be fined an additional amount not to exceed \$200 for each subsequent offense.

10. **Notice.** The Board of Selectmen shall cause a notice of this regulation to be posted in such a manner and at such places as they shall determine, provided that posting of such notice shall not be deemed a prerequisite to any enforcement action and all persons shall be deemed to be aware of the requirements hereof.

11. **Effective Date.** This regulation shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 1999.

Notice of Hearing Posted: August 9, 1999  
Public Hearing held: August 23 and August 30, 1999  
Regulation Adopted on: August 30, 1999  
Regulation Amended on August 12, 2019

**By the Board of Selectmen of the  
Town of Lincoln, New Hampshire**

  
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