

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN
ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SWIMMING AND JUMPING
FROM BRIDGES OR STRUCTURES

The Select Board of the Town of Goffstown ordain as follows:

- I. **TITLE**: This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “**Ordinance Prohibiting Swimming or Jumping from Bridges or Structures**” of the Town of Goffstown.
- II. **AUTHORITY**: 41:14-b Adoption and Amendment of Town Codes and Ordinances, 41:11 Regulation of Use of Highways, Etc., and 41:11-b Enforcement of Regulations.
- III. **PURPOSE**: In the interest of promoting public health, safety and general welfare of all citizens of Goffstown and other individuals who may frequent the Town of Goffstown, the Select Board have an interest in preventing unnecessary injury to persons.
- IV. **ENFORCEMENT**: This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Goffstown Police Department or any police agency having jurisdiction within the limits of said town.
- V. **RESTRICTION ON SWIMMING AND JUMPING FROM BRIDGES OR STRUCTURES**: No person(s) shall jump from any bridge, bridge abutment, or similar structure into a public body of water in the Town of Goffstown.
- VI. **PENALTIES**: Unless otherwise stated, any person or unnatural person within the meaning of the Criminal Code, who violates an ordinance shall be guilty of a violation. Pursuant to RSA 502-A: 1 1-a, the District Court shall have jurisdiction of the prosecution of any violation of the Town of Goffstown Ordinances. All fines collected shall be for the use of the Town. The Town may enforce to the maximum penalty allowed by law. The enforcement authority may issue a summons and complaint along with a notice of fine pursuant to the procedures for pleas by mail set out in RSA 502-4:19-b.

This Ordinance supersedes all other applicable ordinances issued by the Town of Goffstown relative to the regulation of swimming and jumping from bridges and shall take effect upon its adoption by the Select Board.

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VII. PROCEDURE:

- a) Public Hearing Dates: 08/14/2023 6:30 p.m. & 08/28/2023 6:30 p.m.
- b) Date of Public Hearing Notice Posted: 08/03/2023
- c) Locations posted: Goffstown Town Hall and Town website
- d) Publication(s): New Hampshire Union Leader, 08/04/2023 edition, page A8
- e) Original Adoption Date: 09/11/2023
- f) Notes: Supersedes Ordinance Prohibiting Jumping Off the Main Street Bridge (adopted 05/23/1977; amended 07/02/1990)
- g) Effective Date: September 12, 2023

VIII. SIGNATURES:

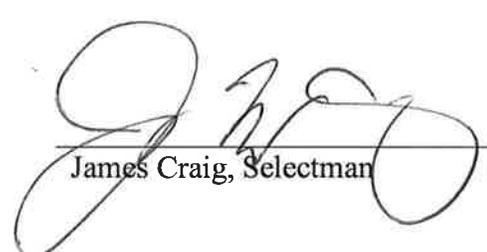
Kelly Boyer, Chairman



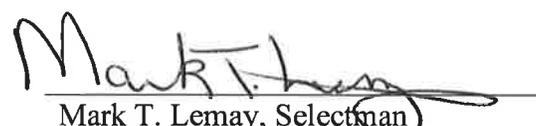
Collis Adams, Selectman



Peter Georgantas, Vice Chair



James Craig, Selectman



Mark T. Lemay, Selectman



Cathleen Ball, Town Clerk

Date: September 12, 2023