

Town of Plainfield  
Municipal Ordinance  
Regulating the Use of the Recreation Field and Facilities

WHEREAS The Town of Plainfield has, by virtue of 24 V.S.A. 872, 24 V.S.A 1971, 24 V.S.A 2291 (17) (18), and Town Charter Sections 301-305, the authority to adopt, amend, repeal and enforce ordinances and to regulate all aspects of municipally owned facilities.

The Selectboard of the Town of Plainfield hereby ordains this ordinance, to provide for the reasonable use and enjoyment of the Recreation Field and facilities, located at 28 Recreation Field Road, and to place restrictions on its use to try to prevent damage and or activities that are costly to the town and prevents enjoyment by all, the Selectboard of the Town of Plainfield hereby enacts this ordinance:

Article I  
Provisions

1. All provisions of this ordinance apply to all land and improvements thereon owned by the Town of Plainfield on and adjacent to the Recreation Field.
2. It shall be unlawful to drive motor vehicles on the Recreation Field except for maintenance without prior written approval by the Selectboard.
3. It shall be unlawful to be on the Recreation Field or the adjacent Town property between 10:00pm and 6:00am.
4. Upon first obtaining a written permit, any publicly recognized organization or organized group, or family group, may be exempted from the provision of Article I paragraph 3 of this ordinance for an event. Any person or organization desiring to obtain such a permit shall make written application, to the Selectboard, not less than fourteen (14) Days prior to the date of the desired permit. The granting or withholding of said permit shall be within the sole discretion of the Selectboard.
5. In accordance with the Town of Plainfield's "Ordinance to Restrict Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places" it shall be unlawful to possess unsealed alcoholic beverage containers or to drink alcoholic beverages on the Recreation Field or adjacent Town property.
6. It shall be unlawful to deface, destroy, mark, damage or break any Town owned property on or adjacent to the Recreation Field.

Article II  
Enforcement and Penalties

For purposes of the ordinance, the Selectboard designates the following persons as enforcement officers: members of the Selectboard, the Town Constable, or any other law enforcement officer.

The enforcement of this municipal ordinance shall follow the procedures described in 24 V.S.A. 1974(a):

1. A municipal penalty of not more than Five Hundred (\$500) dollars may be imposed for a violation of this ordinance. Each day the violation continues shall be a separate violation.
2. Penalty Schedule:

\$50	First violation
\$100	Repeat of same violation
\$500	Third occurrence of same violation

### Article III Severability

This ordinance and its various parts, sentences, sections and clauses are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, section or clause is adjudged invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

### Article IV Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective upon final passage by the Plainfield Selectboard as per Sections 301-305; Ordinances, Enforcement and Adoption of the Town Charter.

This ordinance may be disapproved by a vote of the majority of qualified voters of the Town of Plainfield at a special meeting called for that purpose, pursuant to a petition signed by not less than five (5%) percent of the qualified voters and submitted to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk of the Town of Plainfield within forty-four (44) days of the adoption of this ordinance in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 1973.

Final passage of this ordinance made this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2010.

Keith E. Terry

Gary Graves

David Strong

Received for recording at Plainfield Town Clerk's office November 23rd, 2010 at eight o'clock am. Attest: Linda B. Wells, Town Clerk