

Town of Plainfield
Municipal Ordinance
Regulating the Use of the Recreation Field and Facilities
Enacted November 22, 2010,
Amended September __, 2018

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 Russell Memorial 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 Russell Memorial Recreation Field at 28 Recreation Field Road. “Recreation Field” in this ordinance refers to the Russell Memorial Recreation Field at 28 Recreation Field Road.
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 pm [Leave as is? Change to “sunset (civil twilight)”?] 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 ~~Days~~ prior to the date of the desired permit and pay the required rental fee. The granting or withholding of said permit shall be within the sole discretion of the Selectboard.
5. No glass containers of any kind, including, but not limited to beverage containers, Mason/canning jars, and glass food containers shall not be brought onto the Recreation Field or adjacent town property.
6. ~~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.
7. Those using or passing over the Recreation Field or adjacent Town property shall remove with them any litter, waste, or trash, that they bring onto the Recreation Field. This includes any animal waste from any dog or other animal brought onto the Recreation Field.
8. ~~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, members of the Selectboard, 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 and any amendments to the ordinance are effective upon final passage by the Plainfield Selectboard as per Sections 301-305; Ordinances, Enforcement and Adoption of the Town Charter.

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 1973, this amendment to the Town of Plainfield Municipal Ordinance Regulating the Use of the Recreation Field and Facilities 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 amendment to the Town of Plainfield Municipal Ordinance Regulating the Use of the Recreation Field and Facilities.

Final passage of this ordinance made this 22nd day of November, 2010.

Final passage of the amendment to this ordinance made the ____ day of September 2018.

Ross Sneyd

Tammy Farnham

Alexandra Thayer

Received for recording at Plainfield Town
Clerk's office September ____, 2018 at _____
o'clock am.

Attest: _____
Linda B. Wells, Town Clerk