

TOWN OF JOHNSON

BUILDING USE BY DISORDERLY PERSONS

ORDINANCE

PURPOSE:

The Selectboard of the Town of Johnson being mindful of the fact that boisterous and riotous disorderly persons, vagrants, gamblers or common prostitutes could represent a danger to young and old residents, and could be a source of annoyance and concern to many citizens, and recognizing that landlords should have responsibility for the tenants they select and tenants shall be responsible for those they allow in their apartments, hereby declare that it is in the best interest of the health and safety of all citizens that the use of buildings by disorderly persons within the Town limits be controlled.

WHEREFORE, the Town of Johnson, pursuant to Title 24, V.S.A. Section 2291 hereby ordains:

DEFINITIONS:

Public Nuisance: means an assemblage of riotous or disorderly persons, vagrants, gamblers, or common prostitutes in or about a building partially or wholly rented or the allowance of boisterous, riotous or disorderly conduct therein or thereabout.

Person: includes a corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, or any other legal entity.

No person as a landlord shall permit his or her buildings, nor shall any person as a tenant permit his or her apartment or other place owned or rented by them to become a public nuisance by being used, frequented or resorted to by boisterous, riotous or disorderly persons, or by any vagrants, gamblers or common prostitutes, nor shall any person permit any boisterous, riotous or disorderly conduct therein or thereabout his or her building or apartment.

ENFORCEMENT:

Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 per violation.

OTHER RELIEF:

In addition to the enforcement procedures available the Johnson Selectboard is authorized to obtain injunctive and other appropriate relief or to pursue any other remedy authorized by law.

SEVERABILITY:

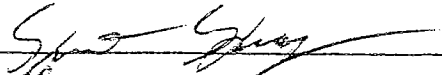
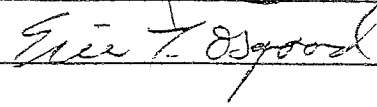
If any part of this ordinance shall be held to be void, invalid, or

unconstitutional either under the laws or constitution of the State of Vermont or the United States by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and such portions shall be in full force and effect.

Adopted February 19, 1996 by the Johnson Board of Selectmen. Effective sixty (60) days after publication.

The Building Use by Disorderly Persons Ordinance was adopted on February 19, 1996 and Posted in the Johnson Town Clerk's Office, the Johnson Post Office, Merchants Bank, Grand Union Store, and the DJ's Deli. Notice of ordinance was published in the News & Citizen, the official Town newspaper, the week of February 22, 1996. It will take effect on April 22, 1996 unless a petition signed by at least five percent of the voters of the Town of Johnson is filed with the Town Clerk by April 5, 1996 asking for a vote to disapprove the ordinance. If a petition is received, the Town of Johnson Selectboard will warn a special meeting and the voters may vote on that question.

Board of Selectmen for Johnson


Francis J. Sullivan Jr.
Bobby REED


Amendment adopted by the Town of Johnson Selectmen for the Building Use by
Disorderly Persons Ordinance:

\$ 50.00 for the first offense.

\$100.00 for the second offense.

\$500.00 or criminal for the third offense.

