

## **ARTICLE 15 POSTERS AND SIGNS**

### **Article 15-1 Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public safety and provide for the convenience of the residents of the Town of Bennington.

### **Article 15-2 Definition**

For the purpose of this ordinance, poster or sign shall mean show bills, campaign posters, printed paper or other advertisement.

### **Article 15-3 Authorization**

By authority of 24 VSA Chapter 61 Section 2291(7), municipalities are enabled to regulate signs, posters or displays and to set penalties for violation of this ordinance.

### **Article 15-4 Prohibitions**

No person shall post any poster, sign or similar material on any building, sign, post, fence, tree, walk, stone or any other natural or man made object located within any street, road, alley, park or other property owned by the Town of Bennington. Posters and signs so posted shall serve as prima facie evidence that a violation has occurred.

The sponsor of the event shall be presumed to have knowledge and to have placed such sign.

### **Article 15-5 Reserved**

### **Article 15-6 Enforcement**

A violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 VSA Section 1974a and 1977 et seq. A civil penalty of not more than \$75 may be imposed for violation of this civil ordinance and a waiver fee shall be set at \$50. Each day that the violation continues will constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

### **Article 15-7 Severability**

This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, sections and clauses thereof, 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 thereby.

### **Article 15-8 Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days from date of adoption by the Select Board.

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This ordinance is hereby adopted by the Select Board of the Town of Bennington, Vermont on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1996. It shall be printed in full in the minutes of the Select Board, posted in five (5) conspicuous places within the Town of Bennington and a summary published in the Bennington Banner within fourteen (14) days of its adoption and shall become in full force and affect sixty (60) days after the date of adoption subject to the right of petition provided by law.

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