



**Town of Pittsfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall, 85 Main Street  
Pittsfield, NH 03263**

## **Open Container Ordinance**

In accordance with the provisions of Hew Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 31, Section 29, authorizing the Town of Pittsfield to enact bylaws, the following Ordinance is adopted by the Annual Town Meeting.

**Section 1. Purpose.** The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Pittsfield ordains that it is in the public interest and hereby establishes that it is public policy to regulate the use of alcoholic beverages on Town property, or in motor vehicles.

**Section 2. Use of Alcohol on Public Property Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to possess an open container of any alcoholic beverage, or to consume any alcoholic beverages while on any public highway, sidewalk, common, or upon any Town owned property within the limits of the Town of Pittsfield, unless authorized in writing by the Board of Selectmen by a lawfully issued permit.

**Section 3. Use of Alcohol in Vehicles Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to possess an open container of any alcoholic beverage, or to consume any alcoholic beverage while in any vehicle upon a public highway, sidewalk, common, or upon any Town owned property within the limits of the Town of Pittsfield.

**Section 4. Definitions.** The following words shall have the following meanings as used in this Ordinance.

**VEHICLE:** Shall mean and include, Antique Motor Vehicle or Motorcycle; Automobile Transporter; Automobile Transporter Stringer Steered; Automobile Utility Trailer; Bus; Combination Vehicle; Commercial Motor Vehicle; Emergency Vehicle; Full Trailer; Heavy Truck; Highway Building Equipment; Light Truck; Mixed Use School Bus; Moped; Motor Truck; Motor Vehicle; Motorcycle; Motor Driven Cycle; Off Highway Recreational Vehicle; OHRV; Private Passenger Vehicle; Recreation Vehicle; School Bus; Semi-Trailer; Sidecar; Single unit Vehicle; Ski Area Vehicles; Snow traveling Vehicle; Special Motor Equipment; Street Rod; Tractor; Tractor Trailer; Trailer; Truck; Truck-Tractor; Vehicle; Any Water Vehicle; all as defined in RSA 259.

**WAY:** Way shall mean a way as defined in RSA 259:125, I & II.

**Section 5. Validity.** If any section, or part of a section, or paragraph of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force of effect of any other section or sections, or part of a section or paragraph of this Ordinance.

**Section 6. Penalty.** Any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance, shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$250.00 for each offense, such sums shall insure to such uses as the Town may direct.

**Section 7. Effective.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

**PASSAGE:** This ordinance was adopted by a vote of the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Annual Town Meeting, under Article 24 of the Warrant.