

## Chapter 113: PEACE AND GOOD ORDER

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Chelmsford 1926. Amendments noted where applicable.]

### GENERAL REFERENCES

- Alarm systems — See Ch. 5.
- Alcoholic beverages — See Ch. 8.
- Animals — See Ch. 11.
- Firearms and explosives — See Ch. 39.
- Littering — See Ch. 84.
- Noise — See Ch. 100.

### **§ 113-1. Noise; defacement of property; trespassing; removal of trees or plants; disturbing meetings. [Amended 1967 ATM by Art. 51]**

No person or persons shall congregate noisily in or about the streets, stores or public places of the town or disturb the public quiet by the unauthorized ringing of bells or blowing of horns unnecessarily or deface, pull down or injure any building, fence or sign or other structure in the town or trespass on any property or wrongfully remove therefrom any tree, plant, shrub, fruit or vegetable or create any disturbance of or in any lawful meeting of the citizens of this town.

### **§ 113-2. Loitering. [Amended 1967 ATM by Art. 51]**

- A. No person shall stand or loiter in or on any street, sidewalk or public place in such a manner as to obstruct the free passage of travelers thereon, nor shall any person on such street, sidewalk or public place, after being directed by a police officer to move on and disperse, on the same or subsequent day, reassemble to loiter or remain so as to obstruct the free passage of travelers or motor vehicles.
- B. It shall be the duty of any police officer of the town to order any persons offending against the provisions of the preceding subsection to move on and disperse and, if the persons so ordered or requested do not forthwith obey, to remove them or to arrest and cause them to be brought before the Justice of the District Court of Lowell and a complaint made against the provision of the preceding subsection.
- C. The penalty for any violation of this section shall be \$50 for a first offense and \$100 for subsequent offenses.  
**[Amended 10-21-1999 ATM by Art. 42]**

### **§ 113-3. Swimming and bathing. [Amended 10-21-1999 ATM by Art. 42]**

No person shall swim or bathe in any public or exposed place in a nude condition. The penalty for any violation of this section shall be a fine of \$50.

### **§ 113-4. Disorderly conduct.**

- A. No person shall behave in any indecent or disorderly manner or use profane, indecent, threatening or insulting language in any public place or on any sidewalk or street of the town or near any house to the annoyance or disturbance of any other person.
- B. The penalty for any violation of this section shall be a fine of \$100. **[Added 10-21-1999 ATM by Art. 42]**

### **§ 113-5. Peeping persons. [Added 1951 STM by Art. 1]**

- A. No person, except an officer of the law in the performance of his or her official duties, shall enter upon the premises of another with the intention of peeping into the windows or other openings of a building or spying upon, in any manner, any person or persons therein.
- B. The penalty for any violation of this section shall be a fine of \$50. **[Added 10-21-1999 ATM by Art. 42]**

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