

275-5. Violations and penalties.

Each violation of this chapter is punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

**ARTICLE II
Standards for Acceptance**

275-6. Purpose.

There being a large number of streets in town which are not accepted, nor acceptable, for reason of right-of-way widths and residences and improvements are made fronting vacant lots, a betterment charge per lineal foot, as determined by the Board of Selectmen, will be paid by owners of said lots before building permits will be issued for same. A gap exceeding the legal zoning frontage of one (1) lot on either side of the street will be considered as basis for charges.

275-7. Minimum right-of-way.

275-8. Construction details.

275-9. Improvement to be residency limits; future extension.

275-10. Existing substandard streets in new subdivisions.

Developers of new subdivisions which require passage over existing substandard streets for access to the new street may be required to improve such streets to the minimum standard herein as a condition of acceptance of the subdivision.

**ARTICLE III
Snow Removal on Unaccepted Roads**

275-11. Statement of conditions.

Annually, the Town is faced with more miles of roads, particularly in new subdivisions, that have not been accepted in the legal sense. In addition, the Town has several miles of roads that have never been legally accepted and do not meet present minimum standards that will qualify them for consideration of acceptance.

275-12. Present policy generally.

Presently, the Town provides minimal maintenance in the interest of public safety but has not and is not able, under law, to expend any significant public funds on such roads. The Town plows, sands, salts, and, if a gravel surface, attempts to grade in the spring.

275-13. Statement of policy.

The Selectmen hereby reaffirm the Town's basic policy

on this matter as follows:

- A. Existing unaccepted roads without an all-weather surface and having year-round residents will be plowed, sanded and salted during the winter season for public safety purposes.
- B. Existing unaccepted roads with an all-weather surface and having year-round residents will be plowed, sanded and salted during the winter season for public safety purposes.
- C. New unaccepted roads with some all-weather surface and built to the required standards at this present status and having year-round occupancy and/or use will be plowed, sanded and salted during the winter season for public safety purposes.
- D. Any such winter maintenance does not imply and pre-acceptance of the road, nor does the Town assume any liability for any alleged or actual damages to the road or appurtenances in the course of performing such winter maintenance.

**ARTICLE IV
Signs on the Public Rights of Way**

§275-14 Purpose and Authority.

The Board of Selectmen have adopted this Ordinance in accordance with RSA 41:11, RSA 47:17 and RSA 664:17. The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate signs in the public right-of-way. Signs in the public way create visual blight, interfere with maintenance, pose a safety hazard for the traveling public, and are a financial liability for the Town.

§275-15 Definitions.

For the purpose of this Article, the following meanings shall apply:

- A. **SIGN:** Any device, structure, fixture, or placard using graphics, symbol, and/or written copy designed specifically for the purpose of advertising or identifying any establishment, product, goods, or service, or otherwise for the purpose of providing information.
- B. **RIGHT OF WAY:** As defined under Article I §275-1 Streets and Sidewalks.
- C. **PERSON:** Any individual, corporation, business, or unincorporated association.

§275-16 Prohibitions.

- A. No person shall place on or affix any sign to any public property including highway rights-of-way or private property without the owner's consent.
- B. No person shall affix, attach, or display any sign upon any object of nature, utility pole, telephone booth or highway sign.

§275-17 Exemptions.

- A. Signs erected, maintained or approved by the Town of Salem or State of New Hampshire are permitted.
- B. Signs that do not obstruct the safe flow of traffic and placed with the consent of the owner of the land over which the right-of-way passes are permitted. The consent of the owner applies only to private property, and that sign advertising is absolutely prohibited in highway right-of-ways and other public property unless allowed by the Board of Selectmen.

§275-18 Removal of Signs.

- A. Any political advertising that is placed on or over any public right-of-way or public property in violation of this ordinance or State statute shall be removed in accordance with RSA 664:17 (Placement and Removal of Political Advertising).
- B. Other signs will be removed by the Town and held for ten (10) days. Signs that are not reclaimed within that ten (10) day period will be disposed of by the Town.

§275-19 Violations and Penalties.

- A. Any person who violates any part of this Article shall be subject to a fine of \$50 for each violation.
- B. Each sign constitutes a separate violation.
- C. Any fine or penalty imposed under this Article shall be paid to the Town of Salem.