

# SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

## BYELAWS FOR GOOD RULE AND GOVERNMENT

Byelaws made under Section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972 by the Council of Sedgemoor for the good rule and government of the District of Sedgemoor and for the prevention and suppression of nuisances.

### Interpretation

1. In these byelaws the "the Council" means the Council of Sedgemoor

### Extent

2. These byelaws apply throughout the District of Sedgemoor unless otherwise indicated.

### USE OF MOTOR CYCLES AND OTHER VEHICLES

#### Interpretation

3. In this Byelaw

"public pleasure ground" includes any pleasure ground or open space to which the Council's pleasure ground byelaws may apply, as indicated in the schedule to such byelaws;

"open land" means any land, whether enclosed or not, which is used as an amenity or for purposes of recreation or lies waste or unoccupied.

#### Use of Motor Cycles, etc,

4. No person shall ride, drive or operate any motor bicycle or other mechanically propelled vehicle not intended or adapted for use on roads other than a vehicle constructed or adapted for the conveyance of an invalid on any open land within the District from which the public is not excluded, including footpaths and bridleways, not being land forming part of a road or public pleasure ground or housing amenity green.

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person taking part in a rally, trial, race or any other event held on any open land in pursuance of an agreement with the Council or landowner.

### PRESERVATION OF ROAD MARGINS

#### Interpretation

5. In these Byelaws:

"carriageway", "highway" and "trunk road" have the same meaning as in the Highways Act 1980.

#### Extent

6. These byelaws apply to any road margin or verge which is:
  - (i) adjacent to the carriageway of a highway, other than to the carriageway of a trunk road vested in the Secretary of State; and
  - (ii) laid or sown with grass or planted with trees, shrubs or plants, and mown or otherwise maintained in an ornamental condition by the Council, and
  - (iii) indicated to be a margin to which these byelaws apply by means of a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the said margin by the Council.

## **Riding on Road Margins**

7. No person shall without lawful authority ride or lead any horse or cause any horse to be ridden or led upon any road margin to which this byelaw applies.

## **Vehicles**

8. No person shall, without lawful authority, drive, park or place a vehicle (other than a heavy commercial vehicle as defined by Section 20 of the Road Traffic Act 1988) or cause such a vehicle to be driven or placed upon any road margin to which this byelaw applies.

## **SKATEBOARDING ETC.**

### **Interpretation**

9. In these byelaws:

"Highway" means the whole or a part of a highway other than a ferry or waterway.

"footway" means a way comprised in a highway which also comprises a carriageway, being a way over which the public have a right of way on foot only

"carriageway" means a way constituting or comprised in a highway, being a way (other than a cycle track) over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles;

### **Skateboarding**

10. No person shall on any footway or carriageway skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards, wheels, other mechanical contrivances or other equipment in such a manner as to cause danger or nuisance or to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons lawfully using the footway or carriageway.

## **NOISE IN STREET AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES**

11. No person in a street or other public place shall, after being requested to desist by a constable or by any person annoyed or disturbed, or by any person acting on his behalf:
  - (a) by shouting or singing;
  - (b) by playing on a musical instrument; or
  - (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrument
  - (d) cause or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the neighbourhood.
12. This byelaw shall not apply to properly conducted religious services or to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council

## **SHOOTING GALLERIES ETC**

13. No person shall in, any street or public place or on any land adjoining or near to any street or public place, keep or manage or cause to be kept or managed, a shooting gallery, swing-board, roundabout, or any other construction of a like character, so as to cause obstruction or danger to the traffic in such street or public place

## **DANGEROUS GAMES NEAR STREETS**

14. No person shall on any land adjoining a street play any game in a manner likely to cause obstruction to any traffic or to cause danger to any person in such a street.

## **PLAYING BALL GAMES ON THE HIGHWAY TO THE ANNOYANCE OF RESIDENTS**

### **Interpretation**

15. In this byelaw:

“highway area” means any carriageway, footway, forecourt or grassed area of the highway

### **Playing Ball Games on the Highway to the Annoyance of Local Residents**

16. No person shall play or take part in any ball game on a highway area in such a manner as to cause a nuisance or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any local resident

### **TOUTING**

17. No person shall in any street or public place for the purpose of selling or advertising any article or obtaining custom tout or importune to the annoyance or obstruction of any member of the public.

### **FIREWORKS, ETC IN PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT**

18. No person shall, with intent to cause annoyance or inconvenience to any person in any place of entertainment to which the public are admitted with or without the payment of money, while the public are on the premises, throw or set off any firework, stink-bomb or similar article, or squirt, spray or otherwise throw or scatter any offensive liquid, powder or substance in any such place as aforesaid.

### **INTERFERENCE WITH ROAD WARNING LAMPS**

19. No person shall in any street, to the obstruction, annoyance or danger of the public, without lawful authority, move or tamper with any lamp, reflector or other apparatus used for giving warning of, or lighting, any obstruction, excavation or other danger.

### **INTERFERENCE WITH LIFE SAVING APPLIANCES**

20. Except in case of emergency no person shall remove, displace or otherwise interfere with any life saving appliances placed by the Council or other competent authority in any street or public place.

### **TOBOGGANING**

21. No person shall in any street or public place coast downhill upon any toboggan or sledge or upon any wheeled trolley or similar vehicle, to the danger of any other person in such street or public place.

### **URINATING ETC**

22. No Person shall urinate or defecate in any public place.

### **PROTECTION OF FLOWER DISPLAYS AND FLOWER BEDS**

23. No person shall in respect of any land owned or occupied by the Council enter upon or disturb any flower bed or display.

### **PENALTY**

24. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale

### **REVOCATION**

25. The Byelaws relating to good rule and government which were made by Sedgemoor District Council on the 18th December 1980 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the 8th April, 1981 are hereby revoked.