

**Town of St. Albans Municipal Ordinance
Public Indecency**

Section 1. Authority

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted by the Town to promote the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience contained in 24 V.S.A § 2291. This ordinance shall be a civil ordinance with the meaning of 24 V.S.A § Chapter 59.

Section 2. Purpose

It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate public indecency, including public nudity, which is deemed to be a public nuisance.

Section 3. Definitions

“Nudity” shall mean the showing of any human genitalia, pubic area or buttocks with less than a full opaque covering, or the showing of the female breast with less than a full opaque covering of any portion of the nipple, or the depiction of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.

Section 4. Public Indecency

- A. No person shall knowingly or intentionally in a public place:
 - 1. Engage in sexual intercourse;
 - 2. Appear in a state of nudity;
 - 3. Fondle his or her genitals; or
 - 4. Fondle the genitals of another person
- B. No person who owns, leases, or controls property shall knowingly allow any person to engage in the conduct described in subparagraph a. above at any time such property is open to the public.

Section 5. Enforcement

Any person who violates a provision of this civil ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 per day for each day that such violation is committed or continues. Police officers of the St. Albans Police Department shall be authorized to act as Issuing Municipal Officials to issue and pursue before the Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau a municipal complaint.

Section 6. Waiver Fee

An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of a civil penalty, in the following amount, for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee:

First offense	\$50
Second offense	\$125
Third offense	\$200
Fourth offense	\$275
Fifth and subsequent offenses	\$350

Offenses shall be counted on a calendar year basis.

Section 7. Civil Penalties

An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover civil penalties in the following amounts for each violation:

First offense	\$100
Second offense	\$200
Third offense	\$300
Fourth offense	\$400
Fifth and subsequent offenses	\$500

Offenses shall be counted on a calendar year basis.

Section 8. Other Relief

In addition to the enforcement procedures available before the Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau, the Selectboard and/or Town Manager is authorized to commence a civil action to obtain injunctive and other appropriate relief, or to pursue any other remedy authorized by law.

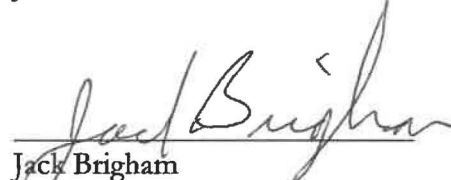
Effective Date: 60 days after passage by the St. Albans Town Selectboard.

Adopted by the Town of St. Albans' Selectboard on this 17th day of March, 2025.


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