



GEORGIA VERMONT

Town of Georgia Use of Tobacco & Cannabis Ordinance

I. Authority:

~~This Ordinance shall be designated as a civil ordinance under 24 V.S.A. § 1971.~~

Commented [GZC1]: Language in red has been added to the original ordinance.

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public health.

III. Use of Tobacco Products:

No person shall be in possession or use of ~~lighted~~ tobacco products, ~~(ADD IN ALL FORMS OF TOBACCO & CANNABIS)~~ in any form, while on the property of the Town of Georgia Municipal Recreation Area, ~~Town of Georgia offices, Georgia Public Library, Town Garage, the Georgia Fire and Rescue, Mill River Falls Natural Area, Silver Lake Woods, Russell Green Natural Area and any other Town of Georgia properties or Town Trails.~~ This property is located on the Georgia Shore Road in the Town of Georgia.

Commented [GZC2]: These are examples of areas this ordinance can cover, please review and edit as needed.

IV. DEFINITIONS

IV-V. Enforcement

Violation of the Town of Georgia Use of Tobacco Ordinance is a Civil Violation enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 1974a and 24 V.S.A. § 1977. ~~Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.~~

Commented [GZC3]: This language is repeated in the paragraph below.

~~Any Person who violates a provision of this civil ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty for each such violation. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense; provided, however, that liability for continuing violation(s) shall not accrue unless and until seven (7) days have expired after notice of the violation. The Town of Georgia Municipal Officer shall all be designated and authorized to act as Issuing Municipal Officials to issue and pursue before the Judicial Bureau, or another court having jurisdiction, municipal complaints to enforce this Ordinance. An Issuing Municipal Official or the Town Attorney may dismiss or amend a municipal complaint in appropriate circumstances in accordance with law or court rules.~~

1. Waiver Fees

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

First Offense.....	\$25
Second Offense.....	\$50
Third and Subsequent Offenses...	\$100

Commented [GZC4]: New fee structure? Can increase to a maximum of \$800 according to VT State statute.

~~Offenses shall be counted on a twelve (12) month basis, beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of each year. An Issuing Municipal Official shall have discretion, for good cause shown, to issue a written warning, without recovering a waiver fee, for any First Offense. In such instance, the written warning shall be counted as a First Offense for calculating the number of annual offenses.~~

2. Civil Penalties

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

First Offense.....	\$50
Second Offense.....	\$75
Third and Subsequent Offenses...	\$199

Commented [GZC5]: New fee structure? Can increase to a maximum of \$800 according to VT State statute.

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¶VI. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect on XXXX XX, 2026.

Adopted at Town of Georgia this day of 2026.

Kristina Senna _____

Brian Dusmore _____

Judith Nasca _____

Carl Rosenquist _____

Kellie Bosenberg _____

Received and Recorded: _____

Town Clerk: _____
Cheryl Letourneau





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Sidewalk Ordinance

I. Authority:

This Sidewalk Ordinance is adopted by the Town of Georgia pursuant to the authority set forth in 24 V.S.A. § 2291(1) of the Vermont Statutes. This Ordinance shall be considered designated as a civil ordinance under 24 V.S.A. § 1971(b).

Commented [GZC1]: Note: Ask PACIF about insurance coverage for sidewalks.

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety and general welfare of Town citizens by the adoption of regulations concerning the construction, maintenance and repair of public sidewalks within the Town.

III. Definitions:

As used in this Ordinance The following definitions shall apply to this Ordinance:

A. "Sidewalk" – a paved or surfaced leveled area paralleling and usually separated from the road or street, used as a pedestrian walkway. A paved or leveled surface area used as a pedestrian walkway, typically parallel and separated from the road, street, or parking lot.

Commented [GZC2]: This language is from the 2025 Town Development Regulations.

B. "Town" – the Town of Georgia, as represented by the Selectboard.

C. "Owner/Applicant" – for sidewalks on State of Vermont highways, the Town (as represented by the Selectboard) shall be named the Owner/Applicant on VT Agency of Transportation (VAOT) Permit applications, with the property owner(s) as co-applicant. For sidewalks on Town highways, the adjacent property owner shall be named the applicant.

IV. Regulations

A. The Owner or owners of all lots, parcels and premises within the Town is/are required to maintain, repair and keep safe sidewalks adjacent to or upon the property and premises in or along public roads in the Town.

A-B. The Owner or owners of all lots, parcels and premises within the Town are required to maintain, repair and keep safe sidewalks in the Town if the owner(s) creates the issue for damage to or around the sidewalk.

B-C. All persons shall remove from the sidewalks in front of the premises owned or occupied by them all snow, dirt, garbage, grass and weeds.

V. Owner Caused Defects

Where sidewalk defects creating pedestrian hazards are caused by conditions existing upon an abutting property, such as, but not limited to (a) trees or other growth; (b) surface drainage; (c) on-site construction or vehicular traffic; or (d) other on-site activities, the abutting property owner shall be responsible for its repair, maintenance and safe condition, and liable for all consequential injuries, damages, expenses or costs resulting from the condition and lack of repair or maintenance and unsafe condition.

VI. Enforcement and Penalties

This is a civil ordinance and shall be enforced by the Georgia Zoning Administrator in the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §§1974a et seq.

Commented [GZC3]: Note: Up to \$800 per day.

Include Schedule of Penalties

VII. **Severability**

If any of this bylaw is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

VIII. **Effective Date**

This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Georgia Selectboard. ~~The Selectboard approved the Sidewalk Ordinance at their December 14, 2009 meeting.~~ If an appeal is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the effective date shall be governed by that statute.

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