

## SECTION 23. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- A. The Inspector of Buildings shall be charged with the enforcement of this Zoning Bylaw and shall withhold a permit for the construction, alteration, or moving of any building or structure if the building or structure as constructed, altered or moved would be in violation of this Zoning Bylaw; and no permit or license shall be granted for a new use of a building, structure, or land which use would be in violation of this Zoning Bylaw.
- B. Before issuing any permit, except for work on an existing building or structure or for a new structure of less than 300 square feet of floor area, the Inspector of Buildings shall cause to be published at the expense of the applicant in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, under the heading, "Building Permits" the name of the applicant, the name of the street on which the property to which the permit relates is located or by which it is approached, the street number (or if no street number has been assigned, an approximation thereof made by the Inspector for this purpose only) and the nature of the work to be done.
- C. At least ten (10) days before issuing any permit, except a permit for work on an existing building or structure or for a new structure of less than 300 square feet of floor area, the Inspector of Buildings shall at the expense of the applicant send notice by mail, postage prepaid, to the abutters and abutters to the abutters within 300 feet of the property line of the applicant, including owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list. Owners of land directly opposite the applicant on any public or private street or way, shall be considered abutters under this Section.
- D. The two preceding paragraphs shall not apply to the issue of a permit by, or under the direction of, the Permit Granting Authority upon an appeal duly taken in the particular case.
- E. If the Inspector of Buildings shall be informed, or have reason to believe that any provision of this Zoning Bylaw or of any permit or decree thereunder has been, is being, or is likely to be violated, he shall make or cause an investigation to be made of the facts, including an inspection of the property where the violation may exist, and, if he finds any violation, he shall give immediate notice in writing to the owner or his duly authorized agent and to the occupant of the premises, and shall order that any violation of the provisions of this Zoning Bylaw shall immediately cease.
- F. If the Inspector of Buildings is requested in writing to enforce the provisions of this Zoning Bylaw against any person allegedly in violation of the same and such officer acts or declines to act, he shall notify, in writing, the party requesting such enforcement of any action or refusal to act, and the reasons therefore, within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such request.
- G. If, after such notice and order, such violation continues, or if any owner, agent, or occupant fails to obey any lawful order of the Inspector of Buildings with respect to any violation or any use contrary to the provisions of this Zoning Bylaw, the Inspector shall forthwith revoke any permit issued for the occupation of the premises, shall make complaint to the Superior Court or any court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction

or order restraining the further use of the premises, and shall take such other action as is necessary to enforce the provisions of this Zoning Bylaw.

- H. Whoever violates any provision of this Zoning Bylaw or any of the conditions under which a permit is issued by the Inspector of Buildings or permission is granted by the Permit Granting Authority or special permit Granting Authority, or any decision rendered by the Permit Granting Authority under the provisions of this Zoning Bylaw, shall be liable to a fine of not more than three hundred (\$300) dollars for each day such violation continues. The Inspector of Buildings is authorized to allow a reasonable period of time, not to exceed ten (10) days, for correction of a zoning violation prior to issuing a citation; however, this period of time may be extended for up to thirty (30) additional days if the Inspector of Buildings determines that the purpose and intent of the Zoning Bylaw would be served by so doing.

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