
Chapter 22
TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT JUMPING, DIVING, OR SWIMMING FROM SEVERAL BRIDGES IN THE TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF

Approved Annual Town Meeting, March 9, 1999

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1 Title

This ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the “Ordinance Prohibiting Jumping, Diving, or Swimming from Several Bridges in the Town of Skowhegan, Providing Penalties Thereof” and shall be referred to herein as the “Ordinance”.

SECTION 2 Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of Skowhegan by prohibiting the jumping, diving, swimming or other dangerous acts from several bridges in the Town where shallow water, hidden obstruction, improper pedestrian use, and / or boat and vehicle traffic may endanger the safety of the person crossing, standing, jumping, diving, or swimming from the bridges or the safety of motorist or boaters.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1 Restrictions

No person shall be permitted to jump, dive, or swim from any of the bridges listed in Article 3 section 1 of this Ordinance.

No person shall be permitted to traverse, stand or remain on any of the bridges listed in Article 2 section 1 of this Ordinance in a manner which endangers their health, safety and welfare.

SECTION 2 Penalties

Any person who violates any section of this Ordinance commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) may be adjudged.

SECTION 3 Enforcement

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Skowhegan Police Department.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1 Schedule of Bridges

Bloomfield Bridge - Spanning a portion of the Kennebec River between the River View parking lot and Mt. Pleasant Ave.

Half-Moon Bridge - Spanning the Wesserunsett Stream on the Parkman Hill Road.

North Channel Bridge - Spanning a portion of the Kennebec River on Island Ave.

South Channel Bridge - Spanning a portion of the Kennebec River on Island Ave.

Swinging Bridge - Spanning a portion of the Kennebec River between Alder Street and Weston Street.

Wesserunsett Bridge - Spanning the Wesserunsett Stream on the Canaan Road.