



# Article 14

## Amend General By-Laws – Non-Criminal Disposition

- This article will update the Town's General By-laws related to non-criminal disposition fines.
- Non-criminal disposition fines are intended to be an alternative to criminal enforcement of By-law provisions.
- Changes to the By-law include the fine structure, enforcement agents, removal of outdated language, and revised language.

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- **Proposed Fine Schedule:**
  - Tier 1 - \$100: Violation is a general inconvenience, fine is primarily intended as a deterrent
  - Tier 2 - \$200: Violation carries some risk of harm
  - Tier 3 - \$300: Violation may cause lasting or irreparable harm
- **Enforcement Agent:** Any sworn police officer may impose the fine – the proposed language provides clarity on other enforcement agents and adds agents where none was specified.

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- **Outdated Language:** The proposal eliminates outdated language including for example:
  - Grazing of animals
  - Coasting on streets
  - Managing dogs in heat
  - Selling cigarettes by machine

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- **Revised language:** The proposal includes revised language to provide clarity and flexibility, and to correct grammatical issues, for example:
  - Historic demolition
  - Use of sidewalks
  - Snow & ice on sidewalks
  - Bow and Arrows

A track changes summary of the proposal is available [here](#).

The Select Board unanimously recommends adoption of Article 14.