

## **APPENDIX 1**

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### MODEL BYELAWS – SET 8

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# **BOROUGH OF NORTHAMPTON BYELAWS FOR GOOD RULE AND GOVERNMENT ARRANGEMENT OF BYELAWS**

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SCHEDULE [1]

Byelaws made under section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972 by Northampton Borough Council for the good rule and government of the Borough of Northampton and for the prevention and suppression of nuisances.

### **General interpretation**

1. In these byelaws:

“carriageway” means a way constituting or comprised in a highway, being a way (other than a cycle track) over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles;

“the Council” means Northampton Borough Council;

“designated areas” means those areas designated in byelaw 3 to these byelaws;

“footway” means a way comprised in a highway which also comprises a carriageway, being a way over which the public have a right of way on foot only;

“highway” means the whole or a part of a highway other than a ferry or waterway;

“self-propelled vehicle” means a vehicle other than a cycle, wheelchair or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more other persons pulling or pushing the vehicle;

### **Application**

2. (1) These byelaws shall apply throughout the Borough of Northampton except as set out in byelaw 2(2).
- (2) Byelaw 3 applies to the areas of Borough of Northampton designated in Schedule 1 and shown hatched in black on the plan attached to these byelaws.

### **Skateboarding etc**

3. No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles in the designated areas except where authorised to do so by the owner of the land.
4. Outside the designated areas, [Schedule 1] the shaded areas as per the byelaw map annexed, no person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles on any footway or carriageway in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons using the footway or carriageway.

### **Fairground attractions causing obstruction to traffic**

5. (1) No person shall operate a fairground attraction—

- (a) in any public place; or
- (b) on any land adjoining a street or public place,

so as to cause obstruction or danger to the traffic in that street or public place.

- (2) “Fairground attraction” means a shooting gallery, swing-board, roundabout, or other structure which is installed, erected or operated for the entertainment of the public.

#### **Dangerous games near highways**

- 6. No person shall play football or any other game on land adjacent to a highway in a manner likely:
  - (a) to cause obstruction to traffic; or
  - (b) to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person on the highway.

#### **Playing games on highways to the annoyance of local residents**

- 7. No person shall play football or any other game on a highway or on land adjacent to a highway in such a manner as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person living nearby.

#### **Touting**

- 8. No person shall in any street or public place—
  - (a) advertise or solicit custom for any service; or
  - (b) seek to gather information for use in the supply of goods or services,

in such a manner as to cause obstruction or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person in that street or public place.

#### **Urinating etc**

- 9. No person shall urinate or defecate in any street or public place.

#### **Interference with road warning equipment**

- 10. No person shall without lawful authority move or tamper with any lamp, reflector or other equipment used for giving warning of, or lighting, any obstruction, excavation or other danger in any road.

#### **Interference with life saving equipment**

- 11. Except in case of emergency, no person shall remove, displace or otherwise interfere with any life saving equipment placed by the Council or any other competent authority in any street or public place.

## **Penalty**

12. Any person offending against these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

## **Revocation**

13. The byelaws relating to Good Rule and Government which were made by the Borough of Northampton on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1989 and were confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1989 and the byelaw relating to Urinating etc in a Public Place made by the Borough of Northampton on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1997 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1997 are revoked.

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## SCHEDULE [1]

The designated areas are:

Abington Street	From its junction with Abington Square/ York Road/Lower Mounts to the east side of its junction with Dychurch Lane.
Fish Street	From its junction with St Giles Street to its junction with Abington Street.
Market Square	From the junction with The Drapery, including The Parade, to the junctions with Drum Lane, Conduit Lane and Abington Street/Dychurch Lane.
The All Saints Area	The All Saints 'island' that is contained within the area bordered by The Drapery, Mercers Row, Woodhill and George Row.
The Guildhall	From entrance to Guildhall car park on St Giles Street, including the whole of the entrance/exit ramp to the car park, along the complete frontage of the Guildhall to its juncture with no 2 St Giles Square, including the pavement area, all Guildhall steps and disabled access ramp.
Mayorhold Multi Storey Car park	
St Michaels Multi Storey Car park	
Grosvenor Centre Multi Storey Car Park	
St Johns Multi Storey Car park	
St Johns Open Car Park	
Albion Place Car Park	

An additional byelaw which could be included, if it was evidenced that it was required, is 'climbing upon and hanging from bridges as follows' -

- (1) *No person shall without reasonable excuse -
  - (a) climb upon or hang from any bridge to which this byelaw applies; or
  - (b) aid, abet, counsel or procure such an act by another.*
- (2) *"Bridge" includes any abutment, embankment, retaining wall or other work supporting or protecting the bridge.*

If this is a problem in your area and you are prepared to provide evidence, please contact Community Safety Department, Northampton Borough Council, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE.

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