

**TOWN OF RUTLAND ORDINANCE REGARDING
PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE**

The Rutland Town Select Board voted unanimously at its public meeting of October 17, 2017 to adopt a Public Nuisance Ordinance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2121 and §2291(13), (14), and (15). The purpose of the Public Nuisance Ordinance is to regulate, abate, and mitigate the impacts of public nuisances and to compel the cleaning, maintenance, and/or repair of any buildings, structures, or premises which, in the judgment of the Select Board, qualify as a public nuisance.

The Town of Rutland Public Nuisance Ordinance is organized as follows:

- I. Findings, Purpose, and Authority
- II. Definitions
- III. Prohibitions
- IV. Property Inspection and Inspection Report
- V. Hearing on Inspection Report and Order of Abatement
- VI. Appeal of Decision and Order of Abatement
- VII. Enforcement of Order of Abatement
- VIII. Severability

The full text of the Town of Rutland Public Nuisance Ordinance may be examined during business hours at the Town Municipal Office. Assistant Administrator of the Town of Rutland, Patricia Carbine, 181 Business Route 4, Center Rutland, Vermont. 05736, telephone number (802) 770-5072 is available to answer any questions concerning the Public Nuisance Ordinance.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1973, the voters of the Town of Rutland have the right to petition for a town vote on the question of disapproving the Public Nuisance Ordinance ("voter petition"). In accordance with 24 V.S.A. §1973(b) the voter petition must be signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the qualified voters of the Town of Rutland and presented to the Town of Rutland Select Board or to the Town Clerk no later than November 30, 2017 (44 days following the date of adoption).

Absent the filing of a voter petition pursuant 24 V.S.A. §1973 (b), the Town of Rutland Public Nuisance Ordinance will take effect on December 16, 2017.

Joshua C. Terenzini, Chairman
Rutland Town Select Board