

Town of Pittsford  
Public Nudity Ordinance

**Section 1 - Authority:**

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted the town to promote the public health, safety, welfare and convenience contained in 24 V.S.A. § 2291. This ordinance shall be a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

**Section 2 – Definitions:**

As used in this ordinance, the following term shall have the meaning here assigned:

“Nudity” shall mean the showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than a full opaque covering, or the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion of the areola. A woman breastfeeding her child, irrespective of whether her breast is covered, shall not be considered in a state of nudity.

“Prohibited Public Location” shall mean any location likely to be observed by members of the public and where the public is present or likely to be present, including streets, sidewalks, parks, parking lots, and business and commercial establishments (both for profit and not-for profit and whether open to the public at large or where entrance is limited by a cover charge or membership requirement), hotels, motels, restaurants, country clubs, night clubs, meeting facilities utilized by any religious, social, fraternal, or similar organizations.

“Prohibited Public Location” shall not include doctor’s offices, hospitals, enclosed single sex public restrooms or functional showers, locker and/or dressing room facilities; nor shall it include those places in which nudity or exposure is necessarily and customarily expected outside of the home and in the sphere of privacy constitutionally protected therein; nor shall it include a person appearing in a state of nudity in a modeling class operated by: (1) a proprietary school licensed by the state; a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partially by taxation; (2) a private college or university which maintains and operates educational programs in which credits are transferable to college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partially by taxation or an accredited private college; or (3) any school of art operated for profit or not for profit within the Town of Pittsford.

**Section 3 – Public Nudity Prohibited:**

1. In Public Areas: Nudity is not acceptable in Prohibited Public Locations. The officer observing any person in a state of nudity or receiving the complaint should order the person to dress. The penalty for failure to stay clothed shall be as outlined in numbers 4, 5, and 6 below.
2. On Private Land Out of View of the Public: The town has no legitimate interest and citizens in various stages of dress or undress should be left alone.
3. On Private Land In View of the Public: Nudity is not acceptable on private land in view of the public. The officer observing any person in a state of nudity or receiving complaint should order the person to dress. The penalty for failure to stay clothed shall be as outlined in numbers 4, 5, and 6 below.
4. Civil Penalty: An issuing municipal official is authorized to recover civil penalties in the amount of \$100.00 for each violation.

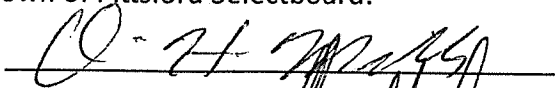
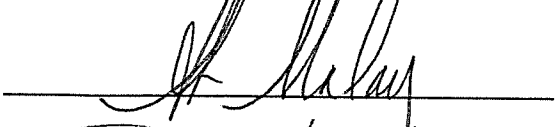
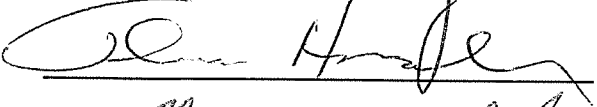
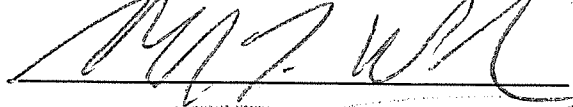
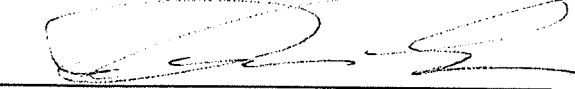
5. Waiver Fee: An issuing municipal official is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of civil penalty, in the amount of \$50.00, for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee.
6. Other Relief: In addition to the enforcement procedures available before the traffic and municipal ordinance bureau, the Town of Pittsford is authorized to commence a civil action to obtain injunctive and other appropriate relief, or to pursue any other remedy authorized by law.

**SECTION 4 - SEVERABILITY.** If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

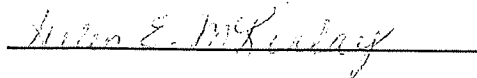
**SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Town of Pittsford Selectboard and shall supersede and replace all previous ordinances regulating public nudity in the Town of Pittsford. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

Adopted at the Town of Pittsford this 7 day of May 2025.

Town of Pittsford Selectboard:

Received and recorded this 8 day of May 2025.



Town Clerk