

**CITY OF ESSEX JUNCTION, VT  
MUNICIPAL CODE**

**CHAPTER 16  
ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PLACING SUBSTANCES IN PUBLIC FOUNTAINS**

**SECTION 1601. PLACING SUBSTANCES IN PUBLIC FOUNTAINS**

No person shall throw, put or place or cause to be thrown, put or placed in any public fountain, or the water thereof, in the City, soap, stone, dirt, ashes, shavings, sticks, garbage, rubbish or filth of any kind, nor shall any person wade or bathe in, or cause or permit a dog or other animal to go into or swim in the water of a public fountain in the City.

**SECTION 1602. PENALTIES:**

a. Any person who violates a provision of this Chapter of the Municipal Code shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 per day for each day that such violation continues. Police Officers of the Town of Essex shall be authorized to act as Issuing Municipal Officials to issue and pursue before the Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau a municipal complaint.

b. An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of a civil penalty, in the following amount, for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee:

Each offense - **\$500.00**

Offenses shall be counted on a calendar year basis.

c. An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover civil penalties in the following amounts for each violation:

Each offense - **\$500**

Offenses shall be counted on a calendar year basis.

*Amended by the City Council 12/14/22*