

CHAPTER XXV

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS: LICENSES AND PERMITS BY-LAW

25-1 DENIAL, REFUSAL OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSES AND PERMITS OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS.

25-1.1 List of Persons Neglecting or Refusing to Pay Taxes, Assessments or Municipal Charges. The Tax Collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the Tax Collector, shall annually furnish to each Department, Board, Commission or Division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve (12) month period, and that such a party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board. (Art. 36, 5/2/95)

25-1.2 Denial, Refusal or Suspension of License; Hearing. The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the Tax Collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the Tax Collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the Tax Collector, as required by applicable provisions of law and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen (14) days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The Tax Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the Tax Collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate. Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law. (Art. 36, 5/12/95)

25-1.3 Waiver of Denial, Suspension or Revocation. The Board of Selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 268A in the business or activity conducted in or on said property. (Art. 36, 5/2/95)

25-1.4 Exceptions. This By-Law shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: Open burning, Section 13 of Chapter 48; bicycle permits, Section 11A of Chapter 85; sales of articles for charitable purposes, Section 33 of Chapter 101; children work permits, Section 69 of Chapter 149; clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses, Section 27E of Chapter 140; dog licenses, Section 137 of Chapter 140; fishing, hunting, trapping licenses, Section 12 of Chapter 101; marriage licenses, Section 28 of Chapter 207; and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, Section 181 of Chapter 140. (Art. 36, 5/2/95)