

## Chapter 9.12

### PROPERTY OFFENSES

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#### **9.12.010**    **Depositing glass, nails, etc., on street.**

A. No person shall throw or deposit upon any street any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle upon such street.

B. Any person who drops or permits to be dropped or thrown, upon any street any destructive or injurious material shall immediately remove such material or cause it to be removed.

C. Any person removing a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a street shall remove any glass or other injurious substance dropped upon the street from such vehicle. (Prior code § 10-107)

#### **9.12.020**    **Buildings, etc.-Injuring, defacing, etc.**

It is unlawful for any person to willfully, wantonly or carelessly damage, injure or deface any public

property, or any private property without the consent of the owner. (Prior code § 12-103)

#### **9.12.030**    **Camping.**

A. No person shall camp within the town, other than at a regularly established and maintained area set aside for camping by the town council.

B. Time Limits on Designated Areas. No person shall camp in a designated area for longer than seventy-two (72) continuous hours, or for longer than five days in any calendar month.

C. Registration. No person shall use a designated camping area prior to registration with the town police department. The town police department shall establish appropriate information to be set forth in such registration.

D. Penalties. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined in accordance with the general penalty provisions of the town. Each day of violation shall be a separate violation. (Ord. 12-104, 1983: prior code § 12-104)

#### **9.12.040**    **Fire hydrants, water main, etc.-Interfering with.**

It is a misdemeanor for any person to shut off or turn on or interfere in any way, with any fire hydrant, valve or water main in the town. (Prior code § 12-112)

#### **9.12.050**    **Refrigerators, ice boxes, etc.-Abandonment.**

It is a misdemeanor for any person to leave or permit to remain outside of any dwelling, building or other structure, or

within any unoccupied or abandoned building, dwelling or other structure under his control, in a place accessible to children, any abandoned, unattended, or discarded ice box, refrigerator or other container which has an airtight door or lid, snaplock or other locking device, which may not be released from the inside, without first removing the door or lid, snaplock or other locking device from such ice box, refrigerator or container. (Prior code § 12-116)

**9.12.060 Shoplifting.**

A. It is a misdemeanor for any person to willfully conceal or take possession of any goods offered for sale by wholesale or retail stores or other mercantile establishments, without the knowledge or consent of the owner thereof and with intent to convert the goods to his own use without paying the purchase price.

B. Any police officer, merchant or merchant's employee who has reasonable cause for believing that a person has committed the crime of shoplifting, as defined by subsection A of this section, may detain and interrogate such person in regard thereto in a reasonable manner and for a reasonable time.

C. When a police officer, merchant or merchant's employee, with reasonable cause for believing that a person has committed the crime of shoplifting, as defined in subsection A of this section, detains and interrogates such person in regard thereto, and such person thereafter brings against the police officer, merchant or merchant's employee a civil criminal action for slander, false arrest, false imprisonment,

assault, battery or wrongful detention based upon the detention and interrogation, such reasonable cause shall be a defense to the action if the detention and interrogation were done in a reasonable manner and for a reasonable time. (Prior code § 12-117)

**9.12.070 Petit larceny.**

Any person who steals, takes and carries, leads or drives away personal property of another of the value of any sum of less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and with the intent to deprive the owner or lawful possessor of the property, is guilty of petit larceny. (Prior code § 12-122)

**9.12.080 Criminal trespass.**

Any person is guilty of criminal trespass if he enters or remains on or in the land or premises of another person, knowing he is not authorized to do so, or after being notified to depart or to not trespass. For purposes of this section, notice is given by:

A. Personal communication to the person by the owner or occupant, or his agent, or by a peace officer; or

B. Posting of signs reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders. (Ord.07-14-94-03, 1994: prior code § 12-123)