



**BY-LAW CONCERNING  
THE PREVENTION OF BREACHES OF THE  
PEACE, PUBLIC ORDER AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY, AND THE USE OF  
PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**NUMBER 1037**



**ARTICLE** (1037-1, Sec. 3, 4/17/2024)

1. Every person is entitled to the use and enjoyment of public thoroughfares, parks and places, as well as of public property of the Town of Hampstead, in peace, order and safety.
2. No assembly, parade or other gathering that disturbs the peace, public order or public safety may be held on public thoroughfares, in parks and places or other areas of public property.
3. No assembly, parade or other gathering where participants promote, glorify or threaten violence, hatred based on racial, ethnic, religious or other prohibited motives of discrimination, war crimes, terrorist acts or organizations may be held on public thoroughfares, in parks and places or other areas of public property.
- 3.1 No assembly or other gathering may be held within 100 meters of any place of worship or any school on public thoroughfares, in parks and places or other areas of public property.

(1037-1, Sec. 1, 4/17/2024)

4. Any person that organizes an assembly or parade on public thoroughfares, in parks and places or other areas of public property shall, in advance, communicate to the Public Security Department, the exact location and itinerary as well as the name and coordinates of the person responsible.
5. Any representative of the Public Security Department or peace officer may, for the purposes of preventing breaches of the peace, public order or public safety, demand that the disclosed location or itinerary be changed and communicate such changes to the person responsible.
6. Any peace officer may declare illegal any assembly, parade or gathering held:
  - a) in contravention to section 2;
  - b) in contravention to section 3 or 3.1.

(1037-1, Sec. 2, 4/17/2024)

7. Any peace officer may declare illegal any assembly or parade:
  - a) for which no location or itinerary has been communicated in accordance with section 4;
  - b) being held in another location or itinerary other than those communicated in accordance with section 4;
  - c) being held in another location or itinerary other than those modified in accordance with section 5.
8. No person participating in or present at an assembly, parade or gathering on public property may molest or jostle citizens also using public property on that occasion, or obstruct their movement, pace or presence.
9. No person participating in or present at an assembly, parade or gathering on public property may carry or have in his possession, without a reasonable excuse, a blunt instrument that is not used for the purposes for which it is intended.

For the purposes of this article a blunt instrument includes a baseball bat, a hockey stick and any other stick or bat.

10. Any peace officer may order the participants to an assembly, parade or other gathering that gives rise to a breach of this By-law to disperse and leave the area.

11. Every person must immediately comply with the order of a peace officer to disperse and leave the area of an assembly, parade or gathering held in violation of this By-law.
- 11.1 It is forbidden for any person to insult, abuse, or obstruct a police officer, a public security officer, a municipal employee, a firefighter, or a paramedic in the performance of their duties.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is forbidden to make offensive, defamatory, blasphemous, or vulgar remarks toward any of the persons referred to in the first paragraph, or to encourage, provoke, or incite any person to insult, abuse, or make such remarks toward them.

(1037-3, Sec. 1, 5/04/2026)

12. For the purpose of this By-law, a « gathering » means an assembly of 10 persons or more in a same location, that disturbs the peace, public order or public safety.
13. This By-law applies to the territory of the Town of Hampstead.
14. Any representative of the Public Security Department or peace officer may issue a state of offence in the case of a contravention to this By-law.
15. Any person who contravenes this By-law is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine of \$1,000 \$ if the offender is a natural person, or \$2,000 \$ if the offender is a legal person.

In the case of a second or subsequent conviction, a fine of \$2,000 if the offender is a natural person, or \$4,000 if the offender is a legal person.

#### **COMING INTO FORCE**

This By-law shall come into force in accordance with the law.

(s) Jeremy Levi  
Jeremy Levi, Mayor

(s) Simona Sonnenwirth  
Simona Sonnenwirth, Deputy Town Clerk