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THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD HAS APPROVED IN TOWN MEETING AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING BYLAW WHICH IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:



GRANT OR RENEWAL OF LICENSE/PERMIT FOR NON- PAYMENT OF TAXES/FEES

The town may, as authorized under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 57 and this By- Law, deny any application for, or revoke or suspend a building permit, or any local permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board, officer, department for any person, corporation or business enterprise, who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges, including amounts assessed under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D 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 whose owner has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges.

- (a) 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, and may periodically, provide delinquency lists to permit-issuing departments 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 a period of 90 days and that has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.
- (b) 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 to the tax collector, as required by the applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier



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than fourteen 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, or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as of the date of the issuance of said certificate.

- (c) 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 or permit shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or
- (d) Revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.
- (e) The Board of Selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds that there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of their immediate family, as defined in MGL Chapter 268A, Section 1 in the business or activity conducted in or on said property

This By-Law shall not apply to the following licenses: open burning (c.48 s.13); bicycle permits (c.85 s.11A); sales or articles for charitable purposes (c.101 s.33); children's work permits (c.149 s.69); clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses (c.140 s.21E); dog licenses (c.140s.137); fishing, hunting, or trapping (c.131 s.12); marriage licenses (c.207 s.28); and theatrical events, public exhibitions (c.140 s.181).

John G. Spanbauer, Board of Selectmen Chair