

**ORDINANCE****GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE****AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE AND SALE OF DETERGENTS  
CONTAINING PHOSPHORUS IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD**

Be it ordained by the Town of Gilford, as follows:

- Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to bring about an immediate and substantial decrease in the rate of phosphorus pollution discharging into our lakes, streams and other surface and ground waters.
- Section 2. Definition.
- a. "Person" shall mean an individual, corporation or other entity, and where applicable the singular shall include the plural.
  - b. "Soaps and Detergents" shall mean any soap or other cleansing agent containing phosphorus in any form and in any quantity and shall include laundry and cleaning compounds, boosters, all-purpose cleaners and enzyme pre-soaks.
  - c. "Phosphorus" shall mean the element phosphorus in the form of various chemical compounds shown as "Phosphates" which fosters and promotes the accelerated and excessive growth of algae and other nuisance plant growth.
- Section 3. Prohibition of the Use and Sale. The sale and/or offer for sale of soaps and detergents containing phosphorus in any substantial quantity within the boundaries of the Town of Gilford is hereby prohibited. This ordinance shall not apply to soaps and detergents for use in automatic dishwashers.
- Section 4. Labeling of Soaps and Detergents. No person shall sell or offer for sale within the boundaries of the Town of Gilford any soap or detergent unless its wrapper or container shall be plainly labeled as to the generic name or chemical formation of all active ingredients expressed as a percent of the total packaged product.
- Section 5. Enforcement. The Selectmen for the Town of Gilford shall administer the provisions of this chapter.
- Section 6. Penalty. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$50.00. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after June 1, 1971. Adopted at Town Meeting March 10, 1971.