

CHAPTER 3  
**ORDINANCES**  
**OF**  
The GROTON LONG POINT Association, Inc.  
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**SECTION I**  
**General Regulations**

1. No person shall vend, hawk, peddle, distribute, deliver or advertise for sale upon the streets, roads, ways or waters within the territorial limits of the Association, any goods, wares or other merchandise at any private or public sale or auction, or shall peddle, vend or solicit sales of such articles from house to house within said limits, unless such person shall have secured a license for such purpose. No person shall distribute leaflets or their printed material without a permit from the Board of Directors. There shall be no demonstrations or picketing within the territorial limits of the Association except as otherwise may be permitted by law and approved by the Board of Directors. This Section shall not apply to or affect those sales or persons specifically exempted by the laws of the State of Connecticut.
2. No person shall ride or use any bicycle, skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, scooters or other hazardous wheeled equipment upon Association buildings, tennis courts, docks, sidewalks or boardwalks. This Section shall not apply to the footpaths around the lagoon.
3. No person shall cause any litter or dump garbage, trash, refuse or recycling within the territorial limits of the Association, including the water and beaches thereof. The term beach or beaches as used in these ordinances refers to any and all waterfront areas. This prohibition also includes depositing household trash and/or recycling in GLPA trash or recycling containers, including dumpsters. All such materials shall be kept in a hard covered container so located as not to constitute a health menace or a nuisance to neighbors. All garbage, trash, refuse, and recycling shall be secured, at all times, so that it does not become loose, detached, or littered.
4. No person shall add to or remove from the property of the Association any sand, gravel, rocks, dirt, trees, or in any way change the topography within the territorial limits of the Association. No person shall deface, destroy, alter, remove, or otherwise injure in any manner any structures, buildings, vegetation, earth, or rock material that lies on property belonging to the Association without prior approval of the Board of Directors. No person shall prevent residents from using Association property by installing or allowing any form of fence, wall, planting, or other mechanisms to block access to subject property.

5. Hunting, discharging of or carrying firearms without permit, and using archery equipment or other weapons, including but not limited to air rifles and slingshot, are not permitted within the territorial limits of the Association without the approval of the Board of Directors and the Chief of Police.
6. No vehicle of any kind shall be operated on any of the beaches, marshes or other real estate owned by the Association without authorization by the Police Department. The operation of vehicles on public highways or driveways, and parking lots owned by the Association is not prohibited by this ordinance.
7. No person shall discard or abandon, or knowingly permit to be discarded or abandoned on property within his control, outdoors or within any unlocked building or structure, any refrigerator, ice box or other container which has an airtight door or lid, without having removed such door or lid.
8. Dogs
  - a. No dog shall be permitted to roam at large and no dog shall at any time be allowed on any beach or boardwalk. No person shall harbor any dog that creates a nuisance by continuous barking or whining. All dogs not on the owner or keepers' property shall be on a leash of no more than ten feet in length and held by the owner or keeper of said dog. Owners or keepers of dogs shall be responsible for the immediate removal of any feces discharged by said dog when such discharge occurs off the owner's or keeper's property. All residents must ensure that their pets do not cause an inconvenience for neighbors and other property owners.
  - b. The owner or keeper of any dog transported to, or permanently or temporarily housed within, the jurisdiction of the Groton Long Point Association shall make available the current rabies vaccination certificate or copy thereof in accordance with C.G.S. 22-339c. Upon request, in connection with the investigation of a dog bite or attack incident, said certificate shall be made available in a timely fashion to any officer of the Groton Long Point Police Department.
9. No person shall excavate or do any construction work in or upon the highway, streets, ways, bridges, and sidewalks except in accordance with a permit. The applicant for such permit shall contain a description of the work to be performed as well as a site plan and date of completion. All such work shall be performed so as to cause the least possible inconvenience to the public. The permit may contain reasonable conditions to ensure proper performance. A performance bond may be required. The permittee shall comply with all directives of the Building Official and Zoning Official made necessary by field conditions. The Building Official or Zoning Official may revoke any such permit for non-compliance with permit conditions or field directives.
10. No person shall erect any temporary or permanent structure or store any vehicle, trailer, boat or other object or material on the property of the

association except in areas specifically designated for such or upon prior approval of the Board of Directors.

11. Noise generated by construction activities shall be limited to the hours between 8:00AM and 6:00PM on weekdays. No exterior construction activities will be allowed on Saturdays, Sundays, and on legal holidays and from July 1 through Labor Day except in an emergency. Construction activities are defined as any and all physical activity at a site necessary or incidental to the erection, placement, demolition, assembling, altering, blasting, cleaning, repairing, installing or equipping of building or other structures, roads, parks, utility line or other property, and shall include but not be limited to land clearing, grading, excavating, filling and paving. During the period from October 15 through the weekend prior to Memorial Day weekend, exclusive of holidays and holiday weekends, construction activities with the exception of heavy duty construction are allowed on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Heavy-duty construction includes, but is not limited to, demolition, excavation, foundation work, concrete pouring, structural steel work, and any heavy machinery operation. Noise generated by domestic power tools, and lawn and garden tools intended for use in a residential area by the homeowner shall be limited to the hours between 8:00AM and 7:00PM weekdays, and between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

**Holidays**

The following is a list of holidays that are to be noise quiet days in accordance with this ordinance: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day (CT observes), Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

12. Disorderly conduct, public nudity, and indecent behavior are prohibited. All forms of rough play, or activities or contests creating hazards to property or persons on Association property involving reckless endangerment are prohibited.

13.

- a. Recreational Fires. Whereas Groton Long Point has small lots, buildings in near proximity of each other, and, typically, substantially strong winds, all open fires shall be kindled in commercially or privately manufactured outdoor recreational fire appliances such as fire pits or fireplaces. Fires shall be no closer than fifteen (15) feet from any building, structure, shed, garage, tree, fence, or any other combustible material, or any property line. Recreational fire appliances shall not be used on combustible decks. Fire suppression equipment such as a fire extinguisher or garden hose shall be accessible at all times that the recreational fire is active.

1. In the conduct of an open wood fire: only clean dry wood may be used; fires shall be attended at all times by at least one responsible person eighteen (18) years of age or older; no fire shall exceed three (3) feet in height above the appliance; no fire shall create a nuisance for

neighboring properties; and any fire determined by a police officer or fire officer to be a nuisance shall be immediately extinguished.

2. No burning shall occur in any of the following conditions: strong prevailing winds, forest fire danger high or above, or when DEEP has issued a smog alert.

- b. Open fires on Association property including beaches, playgrounds, recreation areas, and other open spaces are prohibited without permit.
- c. Sky lanterns, also known as Kongming Lanterns (wish lanterns), Chinese Lanterns, or fire balloons, shall not be used.

14. The playing of any athletic games that infringe on the rights of others to use the beaches is prohibited.

15. Camping or sleeping overnight on beaches and other Association property is prohibited.

16. The possession or use of fireworks on Association land is prohibited except by permission of the Board of Directors subject to CGS sec. 29-357.

17. No person shall cause or allow any noise that infringes on the ability of others to enjoy the beaches and other Association property except as authorized by the Board of Directors.

18. Each dwelling shall have the correct street number for the property displayed on or near the door. The number or numbers shall be not less than 3" x 2" in size, shall be in a color that contrasts with the color of the place to which they are affixed and shall be clearly visible from the street

19. Whereas the roads and streets of Groton Long Point are narrow, winding, and provide limited visibility, no person shall operate a motor vehicle of the motor bus or service bus type on any street in Groton Long Point with the exception of that portion of Groton Long Point Road from East Shore Avenue to Mumford Cove Drive. Exceptions to this ordinance may be granted by the Association Board of Directors.

"Motor Bus" shall include any public service motor vehicle operating in whole or in part on any street or highway in a manner affording a means of transportation by indiscriminately receiving or discharging passengers or running on a regular route or schedule or over any portion of a regular route or between fixed terminals. "Service bus" shall include any vehicle except a van pool vehicle or school bus, designed and regularly used to carry eight (8) or more persons when used in private service for the transportation of persons whether with or without charge to the individual. "Motor bus" or "service bus" shall include any such vehicle chartered for the purpose of transporting persons. "Person" shall include any individual, corporation, association, co-partnership, company, or any other aggregation of individuals. "Motor bus" or "service bus"

shall not include a "school bus" when in use for transportation of students to and from school or when engaged in education activities, or vans used in providing medical, senior citizen, or similar assistance to Groton Long Point residents.

20.

- a. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings, vehicles and other enclosed areas and any attached or adjacent porches, decks or other structures owned, leased or operated by The Groton Long Point Association, Inc. ("the Association").
- b. Smoking is prohibited in all outdoor areas owned, leased or operated by the Association, including, but not limited to, all beaches, seawalls, docks, boardwalks, access lanes, fire lanes, rights of way, parking lots, sidewalks, footpaths, parks, playground areas, tennis courts, recreation areas, conservation areas, plantings areas, and any grounds surrounding or adjacent to buildings, facilities, or structures owned, leased, or operated by the Association.

Smoking means possessing a lighted or ignited tobacco, nicotine or marijuana product or paraphernalia; or engaging in an act that generates smoke (including, but not limited to, possessing a lighted or ignited pipe, hookah pipe, cigar, electronic cigarette, vaping device, or cigarette of any kind); or lighting or igniting a pipe, hookah pipe, cigar, electronic cigarette, vaping device or a cigarette of any kind. Smoking includes the use of any product which emits smoke in the form of gases, particles, vapors or other byproducts released by electronic cigarettes, vaping devices, tobacco cigarettes, herbal cigarettes, marijuana cigarettes and any other type of cigarette, pipe or other implement for the purpose of inhalation of vapors, gases, particles or their byproducts released as a result of combustion or ignition.

21. A violation of any ordinance in this Section will result in a fine for each offense in an amount established by the Board of Directors, except when in conflict with fines covered by the Connecticut General Statutes. The GLP Zoning Enforcement Official, Building Official, and the Police are authorized to issue ordinance violation citations.

**SECTION II**  
**Water, Docks, and Beaches**

1. No person shall keep or store upon any premises or upon any boat in any lagoon, or upon any boat at any wharf any decayed animal, fish, or vegetable matter or material.
2. No person shall pump or dump any contaminated bilge water, oil, or other filthy material from any boat into any lagoon or put into any lagoon, storm drains or adjacent waters any garbage, sewage, oil or other filthy refuse or material.
3. Boats and other types of floating craft may use the Association docks for landing purposes only, except at locations specifically assigned.
4. No mooring shall be placed in any lagoon or near shore waters without the prior approval of the Harbor Master.
5. No person shall anchor any boat within fifty (50') feet of the dock line at any place in any lagoon, and in any place for more than twenty-four (24) hours, without prior approval of the Harbor Master.
6. No person shall use any boat as living quarters while tied to any dock or moored in any lagoon.
7. No person shall operate a motorboat in any lagoon or within two hundred (200') feet of any beach of the Association at a speed greater than five knots. No person shall operate any boat so as to endanger the person or property of another. No person shall operate any motorboat between the lifelines at any bathing beach, in the inner lagoon, or in any other restricted area.
8. No person other than property owners, their lessees and guests of either, shall use the docks, recreational facilities, or other Association property.
9.
  - a. Picnicking or possession of coolers of any design exceeding a size of 10"x8"x7" is prohibited on Association beaches, seawalls, docks (except for transiting to or from a boat), and the boardwalk.
  - b. Possession of crockery or glass containers is prohibited on Association beaches, seawalls, docks (except for transiting to or from a boat), and the boardwalk.
  - c. Nonalcoholic beverages in plastic or shatter-resistant containers are allowed on Association beaches, seawalls, docks, and the boardwalk.
  - d. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on Association beaches, seawalls, docks (except for transiting to or from a boat), and the boardwalk.

- e. All trash and refuse is to be secured and removed from Association properties by the person(s) causing/creating said waste.
10. No person shall beach or store a multi-hulled sailboat on Main Beach or South Beach or any Association-owned East Shore beach. No person shall erect, store, or use a tent or canopy on the beaches or docks of the GLPA, the exception being only umbrellas of no greater than eight feet diameter stretched over hinged ribs radiating from one central stanchion no greater than seven feet six inches in height, and without grounding lines, ropes, or sides to support shade whether upright or a ninety degree position. Devices no more than thirty six inches high, designed or used to shade infant/toddlers, are permitted for infant/toddler use only.
11. All personal property must be removed from the beaches daily. Any personal items, with the exclusion of board boats, beach stairs, beach umbrellas, and a maximum of four (4) properly identified beach chairs, left on the beach after six o'clock PM and before seven o'clock AM, are subject to immediate removal and disposal. Beach chairs and beach umbrellas must be folded and stacked against the seawall. Beach chairs left on the beach overnight must be clearly marked with the GLPA Members name and address. Any item left on the beach is done so at the owner's risk and expense." Personal items are defined as, but not limited to, being items of clothing, towels, toys, storage containers, and inflatable items.
12. All personal property including boats, beach chairs, umbrellas, stairs, and other miscellaneous summer gear must be removed from beaches by 15 October, otherwise it will be removed by the Association. Any item with an estimated value of less than \$100 will be disposed of at that time; any item with an estimated value of \$100 or more will be kept at a designated location at the owner's risk for six months for reclaiming, and then disposal will be made thereafter if unclaimed. Any property remaining after Labor Day and required to be moved for public safety reasons (e.g. impending storm activity) by the Association will be similarly removed.
13. All boats stored on or moored to Association shoreline property where not specifically prohibited shall be GLPA registered annually. Such registration shall be available to Groton Long Point property owners.
14. The boat launch ramp at the western end of Atlantic Avenue is reserved for the exclusive use of Groton Long Point residents and their guests. Commercial use of this facility is otherwise prohibited.
15. Beach tags are required for all individuals using Groton Long Point beaches. Beach tag fees and dates required for use of beach tags will be set annually by the Board of Directors. The effective date of this ordinance will be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

16. Permits required by these ordinances shall be issued under the authority of the Board of Directors, which may from time to time designate a proper officer to issue the same.
17. The ordinances are adopted under the provisions of Sections 7-148 General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended. Any person who shall violate any provision of these ordinances shall be subject to a fine as defined in existing state statutes.
18. All existing ordinances inconsistent with these ordinances are hereby repealed.
19. All ordinances shall take effect upon adoption.
20. All Violations of any ordinance in this Section will result in the following actions except when in conflict with fines covered by Connecticut General Statutes. The first offense of any violation may result in a written warning or a fine for each offense in an amount established by the Board of Directors, except when in conflict with fines covered by the Connecticut General Statutes. Subsequent violations will result in escalating fines. If the violations do not cease or the fines are not paid within two (2) weeks of the third violation, the following actions will be considered by the GLP Board of Directors. Issue a letter stating that the resident in question is no longer a resident in "Good Standing", and is denied any or all of the following:  
Parking stickers, boat stickers, boat dock/ mooring, removal from the dock/mooring waiting list, rentals of GLPA facilities, other GLPA privileges

The GLP Zoning Enforcement Official, Building Official, and the Police are authorized to issue ordinance violation citations.



## **SECTION III Traffic and Vehicles**

### **A. Authority:**

1. Connecticut General Statutes:

Traffic Commission (Legal Traffic Authority), C.G.S. § 14-297, 14-298.  
Ordinances C.G.S. § 7-148(a) (b) (c)  
Regulate traffic generally, C.G.S. § 7-148(c) (7) (B) (i);  
Regulate speed of vehicles, C.G.S. § 7-148(c) (7) (B)(ii);  
Restricted, C.G.S. § 14-162.

2. Charter:

Charter of GLPA Inc. and By Laws allow for establishment of the GLPA Inc. Traffic Commission which is the Legal Traffic Authority (LTA) and GLPA Inc. may establish Ordinances.

### **B. Enforcement of Ordinances, Citations, Notice of Violation:**

1. Ordinance Violation Citations/ Notice of Violation/ Penalty:

Citations may be issued for violations of GLPA Inc. Section III Ordinances, parking violations, or regulations of the GLPA Inc. Traffic Authority. Citations for violations of GLPA Inc. Section III Ordinances or parking or traffic violations may be issued by a police officer. Citations or Notice of Parking Violation may be issued by Police Officer or by another member of the Groton Long Point Police Department as so authorized by the Chief of Police; such notice may be given by attaching the notice of parking violation to such vehicle deemed in violation, a notice to the owner or operator thereof. A violation of any ordinance or parking or traffic violation in this Section will result in a fine in an amount established by the Board of Directors for each offense, except when in conflict with fines covered by the Connecticut General Statutes.

### **C. Appeals/Procedures:**

1. All procedures for notices, hearings, assessments and appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. § 7-152b or C.G.S. § 7-152c as applicable for Parking Violations or Ordinance Violations.

### **D. Definitions:**

1. Traffic Commission and/or Traffic Authority:

The Term "Traffic Commission" and/or Traffic Authority" as used in this Section shall be as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes.

The GLPA Inc. Traffic Commission serves as the statutory Traffic Authority or Local Traffic Authority, (LTA).

2. "Motor Vehicle":

The term "motor vehicle" as used in this Section shall be as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes.

3. "Drive" and "Driver":

The terms "drive" and "Driver" as used in this Section shall be as defined in Connecticut General Statutes.

4. "Authorized Emergency Vehicle":

The term "Authorized Emergency Vehicle" as used in this Section shall be as defined in Connecticut General Statutes.

5. "Parking":

The term "Parking" as used in this Section shall mean the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a highway or street, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of when stopped for any traffic regulations, traffic signs or signals.

6. "Registration":

The term "Registration" includes the certificate of motor vehicle registration and the number plate or plates used in connection with such registration as defined in Connecticut General Statutes.

7. "Registration Number":

The term "Registration Number" means the identifying number or letters, or both, assigned by the issuing State's Department or Registry of Motor Vehicles as defined in Connecticut General Statutes.

8. "Owner, Operator, or Lessee":

The terms "Owner, Operator, or Lessee" means the owner, driver, or lessee of a motor vehicle as defined in Connecticut General Statutes.

9. "Sidewalk":

The term "sidewalk" as used in this Section means shall be as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes; and includes any sidewalk laid out as such by any town, city or borough, and any walk which is reserved by custom for the use of pedestrians, or which has been specially prepared for their use.

10. "Bicycle":

The term "bicycle" includes all vehicles propelled by the person riding the same by foot or hand power; and (3) "motor-driven cycle" means any motorcycle, motor scooter or bicycle with an attached motor with a seat height of not less than twenty-six inches and a motor that produces five brake horsepower or less.

11. Definitions in CGS 14-297, 14-297 (1), and 14-1 shall apply and definitions referenced in GLPA Inc. Charter and By Laws shall apply.

**E. Motor Vehicle Violations, Parking, Standing, Other:**

1. Liability of Owner, Operator, or Lessee:

The owner, operator or lessee of any motor vehicle may be prosecuted jointly or individually for violation of any provision of this Section.

2. Opposite Direction:

Motor Vehicles not to be parked Facing against oncoming traffic on the side of the street on which the vehicle is Parked; left wheels to Curb, includes partial or parts or load of vehicle.

3. Curb:

Motor Vehicle not to be parked more than twelve inches from curb, curb line, end of travelled portion of paved roadway or area.

4. Fire Hydrant:

- Motor Vehicle not to be parked within ten feet of a fire hydrant.
5. Crosswalk:  
Motor Vehicle not to be parked in or within ten feet of a marked crosswalk.
  6. Intersection:  
Motor Vehicle not to be parked within 25 feet of an intersection.
  7. Stop Sign:  
Motor Vehicle not to be parked within 25 feet of a stop sign.
  8. Yield Sign:  
Motor Vehicle not to be parked within 25 feet of a Yield Sign.
  9. Permit Required/ Restricted Area:
    - a. Motor Vehicles not to be parked in a Restricted Areas:  
GLPA Inc. properties, Police Only Parking, and/or restricted or private areas; without permit issued by GLPA Inc. or Groton Long Point Police Department; No overnight parking if restricted.
    - b. No Parking On Private Property:  
Any motor vehicle so parked on the private property of any other person (to include GLPA Inc. properties) without the express consent of the owner of said private property having been given may be removed from the property by or under the direction of a Groton Long Point Police Officer and stored in a suitable place. The suitable place may be in an authorized public parking place or at a private or public garage. Any expenses incurred in such removal and storage shall be borne and paid for by the owner. The police officer shall use reasonable efforts to notify the owner of the motor vehicle prior to the removal thereof and as to its location after removal.
    - c. Permit Required/ Displayed, Temporary Permits:  
Vehicle Identification Parking Permits are issued by or on behalf of the GLPA Inc. The Permits are in decal format and shall be affixed to left rear of assigned or authorized vehicle to which it is issued in a clearly visible manner and shall bear registration of vehicle to which it is issued along with issue date and shall be deemed expired in accordance with issuance limitations prescribed by GLPA Inc. An expired permit shall be deemed as having No Permit. Temporary Permits may be issued by Police Department, and shall be prominently displayed in an area from outside the vehicle with non-compliance being deemed as having No Permit.
  10. Parking Diagonally:  
Parking diagonally or contrary to posted parking lines.
  11. Loading Zone:  
Parking within a loading and reloading zone.
  12. Traffic Hazard:  
Parking in such a manner as to constitute a traffic hazard or to obstruct the free movement of traffic.
  13. Driveway or Alley:  
Parking in such a manner as to obstruct a driveway.
  14. Curb and Sidewalk:  
Parking within the area between the curb and the sidewalk, or on or blocking the sidewalk, to include part of vehicle or load.

15. Fire Station Ramps:  
Parking so as to block Fire Station Ramps.
16. Fire Lane:  
Parking so as to obstruct Fire Lane.
17. Parking Ban:  
Violation of parking ban due to snow or other emergency as declared by GLPA, Inc. President of GLPA, Inc. or authorized representative.
18. Handicapped parking:  
After establishment of specially marked parking spaces for handicapped persons, no person shall park a motor vehicle in such space unless a handicapped person is either a passenger or occupant of the vehicle, and the vehicle contains a designation issued by the commissioner of motor vehicles pursuant to the state statutes, which designation shall be visible as per the state statutes (or a handicapped designation issued by other governmental authority).
19. Obey Traffic Signs/Controls:  
Failure To Obey GLPA Inc. Traffic Authority Signs:  
The Groton Long Point Traffic Authority; Connecticut General Statutes provides for the local traffic authority may place and maintain traffic control signals, signs, markings and other safety devices upon the highways under its jurisdiction. Driver's operating motor vehicles within the jurisdiction of Groton Long Point shall obey GLPA Inc. Traffic Authority Sign, Connecticut General Statutes to be obeyed. No Dual Prosecution.
20. Bicycles, Rights, Duties, and Regulations of Cyclists:  
Every person riding a bicycle, as defined by section CGS 14-286, upon the traveled portion of a highway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any vehicle subject to the requirements of the statutes relating to motor vehicles, except as to those provision which by their nature can have no application and except that each town, city, or borough and the State Traffic Commission within its jurisdiction as provided in section 14-298 shall have authority to regulate bicycles as provided in section 14-289 and said section 14-298, and except as provided by section 14-286c No parent of any child and no guardian of any ward shall authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any provision of the general statutes or ordinances enacted under section 14-289 relating to bicycles. Connecticut State Statutes regarding operation of Bicycles to apply.
21. Sidewalks Unobstructed:  
Sidewalks are to be free and clear of obstruction by bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, scooters and/or other similar devices which shall not be left or placed so as to obstruct or impede passage on sidewalks and may be removed by police for safekeeping.
22. Exemptions:  
Authorized Emergency Vehicles exempt as defined/ prescribed in Connecticut General Statutes are exempt.