

Section 11. Enforcement

Section 11. Enforcement The Commission, its agents, officers, and employees shall have authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this by-law, or in response to a request for a prior determination, and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Commission deems necessary.

The Commission shall have authority to enforce this by-law, its regulations and permits issued thereunder by violation notices, administrative orders, and civil and criminal court actions.

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Upon request of the Commission, the Select Board and the Town Counsel shall take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission the chief of police shall take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

Municipal boards and officers, including any police officer or other officer having police powers, shall have authority to assist the Commission in enforcement.

Any person who violates any provision of this by-law, regulations thereunder, or permits issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300.00. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the by-law, regulations, or permit violated shall constitute a separate offense.

In the alternative to criminal prosecution the Commission may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in M.G.L. Chapter, 40, Section 21D, or as it may be amended from time to time.

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