

**Chapter 243**  
**SUNDAY SALES**

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Bedford 3-2-1976 by Art. 2. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

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**§ 243-1. Statutory authority. <sup>1</sup>**

The following provisions on Sunday sales are hereby enacted in pursuance of authority conferred by RSA 332-D:4, and for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, prosperity, convenience, and general welfare of all persons governed by this chapter.

**§ 243-2. Sports, games, auctions or exhibitions. <sup>2</sup>**

- A. It shall be lawful to conduct sports, games, auctions, or exhibitions in connection with which admission is charged or donations are made or accepted after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, within the Town of Bedford, but only after a license therefor shall be granted by the Town Council, said license to be upon such terms and conditions as the Town Council may determine.
- B. It shall be lawful to conduct sports and games in connection with which no admission is charged and no donations are made or accepted within the Town of Bedford on Sunday in such places and upon such terms and conditions as the Town Council may determine.

**§ 243-3. Meals and automotive services. <sup>3</sup>**

It shall be lawful to serve meals and furnish supplies, service, and repairs required by automotive apparatus on Sunday within the Town.

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1. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).  
2. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).  
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**§ 243-4. General merchandise establishments. [Amended 3-11-1980 by Art. 22; 3-9-1982 by Art. 3; 3-20-1984 by Art. 31; 3-9-1993 by Art. 3]**

- A. It shall be lawful to permit the operation of any general merchandise establishments, including but not limited to grocery stores, drugstores, and real estate sales, on Sunday within the Town, and to permit advertisement.<sup>4</sup>
- B. Any person, persons, corporation, or other entity that on a weekly basis closes its general merchandise or other retail establishment for a twenty-four-hour period, other than on Sunday, shall be exempt from this chapter.

**§ 243-5. License required; fees.**

- A. It shall be unlawful to engage in any of the permitted operations set forth in §§ 243-3 and 243-4 on Sunday within the Town unless a license therefor, expiring on December 31 annually, has been issued by the Town Council upon payment of the fee prescribed, based on the gross square feet of area occupied by the business seeking such license as follows: \$50 for the first 2,500 square feet or fraction thereof plus \$2 per 100 square feet or fraction thereof over 2,500 square feet. The maximum fee for any license shall be \$500. [Amended 8-25-2004<sup>s</sup> ]
- B. The applicant for a license shall provide the Town Council with the floor area from which the fee shall be computed, and both the floor area and the fee shall be indicated on the license.
  - (1) Misrepresentation of any information required to obtain a license shall be cause for revocation of said license without refund, and a new license must be applied for and issued for Sunday sales to be permitted.
  - (2) Refreshment stands or booths that only operate during the months of May, June, July, August, and September, including mobile operations, shall be issued a Sunday license at a fee of \$25.
  - (3) A special Sunday license shall be issued for the sale of Christmas trees and wreaths only at a fee of \$10. [Amended 3-17-1981 by Art. 8]
  - (4) Upon application to the Town Council, a temporary license may be issued for the sale of retail merchandise for a period not to exceed two months during a calendar year, the fee for such temporary license to be \$50 per month.

**§ 243-6. Enforcement.**

It shall be the duty of the Town Council and the Town Council is hereby given power and authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter and to require such applications to be filed and documents to be produced by the applicant as may be necessary for the Town Council to carry out its duties as set forth herein.

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4. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

5. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

**§ 243-7. Compliance required. <sup>6</sup>**

Nothing herein shall relieve any person, persons, corporation, or other entity from obeying the provisions of this chapter or any other law, regulation, or ruling adopted in furtherance hereof.<sup>7</sup>

**§ 243-8. Violations and penalties.**

Every person, persons, corporation, or other entity violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be fined not more than \$100 upon conviction for each day such violation may exist, and each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate violation, and in the case of a corporation, its responsible corporate officer individually shall be also fined and in an identical amount.

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6. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

7. Editor's Note: Original Section 25-3-9(i), Effective date, which immediately followed this section, was deleted at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

