

Amendment to New Shoreham General Ordinances
Chapter 6. Health and Sanitation
New Article V “Prohibition on Sale and Use of Balloons”

2018-14

The Revised Ordinances of the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island, is hereby amended by adding a Article V of Chapter 6 to be numbered 6-60 through 6-62, which reads as follows:

Article V - Prohibition on sale and use of balloons.

6-60. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the wildlife and coastal ecosystems of Block Island, the enjoyment of nature, and the health, safety, and welfare of Block Island’s residents and visitors by banning the use of balloons as it has been determined that balloons pose a risk and nuisance to the environment, particularly to wildlife and marine animals, so as to constitute a public nuisance.

6-61. Definitions:

Balloon: a flexible nonporous bag made from materials such as rubber, latex, polychloroprene or nylon fabric that can be inflated or filled with fluid, such as helium, hydrogen, nitrous oxide, oxygen, air or water and then sealed at the neck, usually used as a toy or decoration

6-62. Regulations.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, use or distribute any type of balloon (including, and not limited to latex, Mylar balloons, or water balloons). No person shall dispose of any balloon in any manner, including by release into the air, other than being contained in a trash bag and transported to the Transfer Station.

Attest:

Fiona Fitzpatrick,
Town Clerk

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