

## Middleboro's Law to Ban Public Profanity

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As many people may know, Middleboro, Massachusetts voted overwhelmingly in favor to change a bi-law that makes public profanity a civil infraction. It does not mean that people go to court for a crime, but to pay a small monetary fine. The question is in terms of the constitutionality of it regarding First Amendment Rights and whether or not this violates the First Amendment Rights where a town or government can say what you can say or not say.

There are limits on the First Amendment, but it appears questionable whether this would be ultimately constitutionally challenged or not.