

PARKING ORDINANCE

AUTHORITY

In accordance with an under the authority of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 41, Section 11 and Chapter 47, Section 17, VII and VIII, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to enact ordinances governing the use of public ways and traffic devises and signals, the following Ordinance is adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Northfield. This ordinance repeals and replaces previous ordinances regulating parking.

Section I Definitions

Park or Parking: The complete cessation of movement of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, attended or unattended, on the street, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while expeditiously taking or leaving passengers or loading or unloading merchandise then in readiness for immediate delivery.

Way: Way shall have the same definition as found in RSA 259:125.

Vehicle: Vehicle shall have the same definition as found in RSA 259:122.

Section II Parking Regulations

1. Unless directed by a Police Officer or in compliance with an official traffic control device or when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, no person except the driver of an emergency vehicle shall on any way park any vehicle:
 - A. Along any public way when such parking would block or obstruct traffic.
 - B. Winter Ban: On any way in the Town of Northfield between the dates of November 15th and April 15th and the hours of 9:00pm and 7:00am of each year.
 - C. On any public way in such a manner as to impede snow removal. No person shall stop or cause to be stopped or park a vehicle so as to impede or interfere with the proper snow clearing operations of the town when snow removal operations are in effect.
 - D. On the roadway side of any stopped or parked vehicle (double parking).
 - E. On any sidewalk.
 - F. Within any intersection.
 - G. Within any crosswalk.
 - H. Adjacent to, or alongside, any street excavation.
 - I. Upon any bridge.
 - J. On any railroad tracks.

- K. At any place where officially designated as 'No Parking' zones by the Northfield Board of Selectmen and at which signs prohibit parking have been erected. Such places are:
 - a. The north side of Elm Street between Park Street and Granite Street
 - b. The south side of Elm Street adjacent to Union Sanborn School.
 - c. The south side of Elm Street from Cannon Bridge to Granite Street.
 - d. The north side of Oak Street
 - e. Either side of Arch Street between Elm Street and Holmes Avenue
 - f. The north side of Watson Street.
 - g. Either side of Summer Street between Hill Street and Rt. 132.
 - h. The south side of Dearborn Street
 - i. The east side of Vine Street between Elm Street and Oak Street.
 - j. The east side of Gale Avenue
- L. In front of any public driveway or private driveway without the permission of the property owner.
- M. In any parking space, whether on public or private property, specially designated for the physically handicapped by means of a sign stating that the space is reserved for the physically handicapped or displaying the "Wheelchair Symbol" as defined in RSA 275-C: 9, unless that person has a special registration number plate, decal tag, or car issued pursuant to RSA 261:86, 87 or 88.
- N. Within 15 feet of any fire hydrant (unless a parking space is clearly designated by signs or pavement markings).
- O. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk (unless a parking space is clearly designated by signs or pavement markings).
- P. Within 30 feet of an intersection (unless a parking space is clearly designated by signs or pavement markings).
- Q. Parking in the parking lots at Town Hall and Highway Garage are designated to Town business only during the hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The parking lot at the Police Station is designated police business only at all times.
- R. On any Town right of way when a snow emergency has been declared by the Board of Selectmen.

Section III Enforcement

Any vehicle parked contrary to this ordinance may be towed at the owners' expense, in the following manner:

1. Any Police Officer may authorize towing for any violations of this ordinance.
2. The Highway Superintendent or his designee may order vehicles towed for violations of Sections II 1 B, ~~and H 1 C~~ and 1 R of this ordinance when said violator is impeding the plowing or removal of snow.
3. Any person(s) whose vehicle is towed pursuant to this ordinance shall be liable for all costs of such towing and storage, but shall have a right to a hearing upon the same terms and conditions as set forth in RSA 262:33 II and III.

Section IV Fines and Forfeitures

1. **Except as noted in paragraph 2 below**, any ~~Any~~ person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation of town policy, provided however that such person may pay Civil Forfeiture to the Town of Northfield in the amount of ~~\$15.00~~ **\$25.00** first offence, ~~\$30.00~~ **\$50.00** for subsequent offences within one year, within 7 days. If such forfeiture is paid, no further action will be taken against such person.
2. **Failure to adhere to the provisions of Section II 1 R of this ordinance will result in a fine of \$100.00 per occurrence. For the purpose of this paragraph, each day the violation continues shall be considered a separate occurrence.**
3. The registered owner of any vehicle violating any part of this section shall be liable for said violation and for any fine or forfeiture resulting from said violation.

Section V Severability

In the event any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be adjudicated to be invalid or unconstitutional, such part or phrase is declared to be severable, and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016

Northfield Board of Selectmen

Wayne Crowley, Chair

Date: _____

Robert Southworth

Date: _____

Dennis Allen

Date: _____

