

## Article 1: PARKING REGULATIONS

(Adopted: XX/XX/XXXX)

The following parking regulations are adopted for the Town of Wakefield, N. H. The Police Department is empowered to enforce the regulations with the imposition of fines. Fines are to be established by the Police Department and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

### 1.1 EMERGENCY CONDITION:

When in the judgment of the Chief of Police, Officers, or Fire Chief an emergency situation is deemed to exist on roadways or places designated for No Parking and the area must be cleared for access by emergency vehicles, authority is granted for the removal of the illegally parked vehicles and other vehicles deemed an obstruction.

### 1.2 DEFINITIONS

- Ae Road or Highway: The entire width between boundary lines of every public way or place used by the public for vehicular traffic.
- B. Crosswalk: Any portion of the roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian walking by lines or other markings on the surface.
- C. Fire Lanes: The portion of a traveled way established on private property, devoted to public use, where the parking or motor vehicles or other obstructions may interfere with ingress and egress of the Fire Department or other emergency vehicles for the protection of persons and property, such as shopping centers, churches or other similar locations.
- D. Intersection: The area bounded by the prolongation of the lateral curb lines or the lateral boundary lines to two highways.
- E. Right-of-Way: The privilege of the immediate use of the road.
- F. Private Driveway: Every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular traffic by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner.
- G. Roadway: That portion of the street designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.
- H. Sidewalk: That portion of the street between the curb lines and adjacent property lines intended for pedestrian use.
- I. Vehicle: Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway.
- Jo Motor Vehicle: Every vehicle that is self-propelled.
- K. Authorized Emergency Vehicles: Fire and Police Department vehicles and such other vehicles as are designated as such by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles or the Board of Selectmen.
- L. Traffic: Pedestrians, draft animals, cattle, sheep, goats, vehicles or other conveyances while using the street for the purpose of travel.

M. No Parking Zone: Areas in which no parking is allowed and is posted by signage as such.

N. Trailer: shall mean any vehicle without motive power designed for carrying property or passengers wholly on its own structure and for being drawn by a self-propelled vehicle, except those running exclusively on snow or on stationary tracks and vehicles used exclusively for agricultural purposes.

1.3 Except when necessary, to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the direction of a Police Officer or official traffic control device, no person shall park a motor vehicle in the following locations (RSA 265:69)

- On a public sidewalk (fine \$25.00)
- Within a public crosswalk (fine \$25.00)
- Within an intersection (fine \$25.00)
- Within 15' of a fire hydrant (fine \$50.00)
- In front of a public or private driveway (fine \$25.00)
- Within 30' of a fire station entrance (fine \$25.00)
- Alongside of or opposite any street or excavation or obstruction when parking shall obstruct traffic (fine \$25.00)
- Upon any bridge or other elevation upon a highway (fine \$50.00)
- At any location where official signs prohibit parking or stopping (fine \$50.00)
- Within any designated fire lane (fine \$100.00)
- On railroad tracks (fine \$50.00)
- On any public way when any wheel of the parked vehicle is beyond the painted parking lines in the roadway (fine \$25.00)
- In any posted area of town property (fine \$50.00)
- In zones designated for handicapped parking (fine \$150.00)
- In a designated loading or unloading zone (fine \$25.00)

1.4 It shall be unlawful to park on a street during snow removal operations in such a manner as to hinder such removal. Violators will be fined \$50.00 for each occurrence and the vehicle will be towed and its owner will be responsible for towing and storage fees. (Winter parking ban \$50.00.)

1.5 It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle with a trailer, as defined above, attached thereto on either side of Meadow Street, in its entirety, for a period of longer than thirty (30) minutes. This portion shall include from the intersection of Meadow Street with Wakefield Road/Witchtrot Road out to the

intersection of White Mountain Highway (Route 16). Violators will be fined \$50.00 for each occurrence and the vehicle may be towed and its owner may be responsible for towing and storage fees.

1.6 The Selectmen may, at their discretion, designate resident-only or no parking areas.

1.7 If any provision hereof, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this act shall not be affected thereby. (RSA 350-A:1)

1.8 These regulations may be amended by the Board of Selectmen. The effective date of any amendments or modifications shall be no less than fourteen (14) days from the date of the proposed change