

TRAFFIC CONTROL 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 Hinsdale. This ordinance repeals and replaces the Parking Ordinance.

Section 1. Words and Phrases Defined. The following words and phrases when used in this Ordinance have the following meaning:

Curb: The lateral boundaries of the portion of a street designated for the use of vehicles, whether marked by curbstones or not so marked.

Park or Parking: The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, attended or unattended, upon 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.

Standing: Any stopping of a vehicle, whether occupied or not.

Stop: When required, means complete cessation of movement.

Stop or Stopping: When prohibited means any stopping of a vehicle when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control sign or signal.

Trash: Debris, rubbish, garbage or any material that would meet the description of the same under RSA 149-M.

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 2. Parking Regulations

- I. Unless directed by a Police Officer or in compliance with an official traffic control device, no person except the driver of an emergency vehicle shall on any way park any vehicle:
 - A. On the roadway side of any stopped or parked vehicle.
 - B. On any sidewalk.
 - C. Within any intersection.

- D. Within any crosswalk.
- E. Adjacent to, or alongside, any street excavation.
- F. Upon any bridge.
- G. On any railroad tracks.
- H. At any place where official signs prohibit parking including the alleyway surrounding the Town Hall. Official government and emergency vehicles are permitted to park in the alleyway only.
- I. In front of any public or private driveway.
- J. 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.
- K. Within 15 feet of any fire hydrant (unless a parking space is clearly designated by signs or pavement markings).
- L. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk (unless a parking space is clearly designated by signs or pavement markings).
- M. Within 30 feet of an intersection (unless a parking space is clearly designated by signs or pavement markings).
- N. Within 20 feet of any entrance to a Fire or Police Station (unless a parking space is clearly designated by signs or pavement markings).
- O. For a period of time greater than that indicated by signs.
- P. For a period of time no greater than 2 hours between 7:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from Route 63 North to Route 63 South along Main Street.
- Q. Parking on Depot Street in the four (4) spaces along the town hall shall be designated to Town Hall business only during the hours of Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There shall be a limit of two hour parking only.

- R. In the two parking spaces in front of 10 Depot Street, there will be a limit of two hour parking in the handicap space and a limit of fifteen (15) minute parking in the remaining space.
 - S. For a period of time no greater than 15 minutes between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. at two parking spots located in front of 13 Main Street; and on parking spot in front of 10 Main Street.
 - T. No parking in Heritage Park from 50 feet north of the pavilion up to Route 119 except in designated areas.
 - U. On any town owned roadway for a period greater than 24 hours, after 24 hours a towing sticker will be placed on the vehicle giving the owner only 24 additional hours to remove. This only applies to roadways that are not marked with a parking time less than 24 hours.
 - V. Parking on town roadways with sidewalks will only be permitted on the sidewalk side of the road.
 - W. There shall be no parking between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on Depot Street, Hancock Street, High Street, Spring Street, and River Road.
- II. Drivers of vehicles shall at all times park their vehicles:
 - A. With right side wheels to the curb (unless official traffic control devices designate to the contrary).
 - B. No further than 1 foot from the nearest curb.
 - C. Within any pavement markings designating a parking space.
- III. Between November 1st and April 1st from 12:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M., no vehicle shall be parked beyond the boundaries of the public way within the Town so that it interferes with the removal of snow from the highways and parking lots. This shall not apply to vehicles parked in designated areas except between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. However, the Historical Society lot shall be designated as an overnight lot for emergency purposes only and vehicles must be removed by 7:00 a.m.
- IV. There shall be no overnight parking in the Hinsdale Community Center Parking lot between the hours of 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m.

- V. Any vehicle parked contrary to this ordinance may be towed at the owners' expense, in the following manner:
 - A. Any Police Officer may authorize towing for any violations of this ordinance.
 - B. The Supervisor of the Hinsdale Highway Department or his designee may order vehicles towed for violations of Section III when said violator is impeding the plowing or removal of snow.
 - C. 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.

VI. Fines and Forfeitures:

- A. Any person violating any provisions of this Section, excluding Paragraph I-J and Paragraph III, shall be guilty of a violation, provided however that such person may pay Civil Forfeiture to the Hinsdale Police Department in the amount of \$30.00 within 7 days. If such forfeiture is paid, no further action will be taken against such person.
- B. Any person violating any provisions of Section 2, Paragraph I-J and Section 2, Paragraph III, shall be guilty of a violation, provided however that such person may pay Civil Forfeiture to the Hinsdale Police Department in the amount of \$50.00 within 7 days. If such forfeiture is paid, no further action will be taken against such person.
- C. 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 3. Stop Signs

Stop signs shall be erected and maintained at the following intersecting locations:

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| Butler Ave. @ Plain Rd. | Old Brattleboro Rd. @ Brattleboro Rd. (E) |
| Carpenter Dr. @ Plain Rd. | Old Brattleboro Rd. @ Brattleboro Rd. (W) |
| Charles Dr. @ Brattleboro Rd. | Old Chesterfield Rd. @ Chesterfield Rd. (N) |
| Charles Dr. @ Monument Rd. | Old Chesterfield Rd. @ Chesterfield Rd. (S) |

Chruch St. @ Main St.
 Cottage St. @ Highland Ave.
 Creampot Hill @ Canal St.
 Depot St. @ Main St.
 Depot St. @ Tower Hill
 Dodge Ave. @ Meetinghouse Rd.
 Emerson Dr. @ Meetinghouse Rd.
 Foxrun Rd. @ Plain Rd.
 George St. @ Monument Rd.
 Hancock St. @ Brattleboro Rd.
 High St. @ Brattleboro Rd.
 High St. @ Main St.
 Highland Ave. @ Brattleboro Rd.
 Highland Ave. @ High St.
 Hinsdale Heights @ Brattleboro Rd.
 Howard St. @ River Rd.
 Indian Acres @ Brattleboro Rd.
 Jeff St. @ Monument
 Kilburn Rd. @ Chesterfield Rd.
 Maple Lane @ Foxrun Rd.
 Meetinghouse Rd. @ Monument Rd.
 Meetinghouse Rd. @ Plain Rd.
 Middle Oxbow Rd. @ Meetinghouse Rd.
 Middle Oxbow Rd. @ Ox Bow Rd.
 Monument Rd. @ Old Brattleboro Rd.
 Monument Rd. @ Plain Rd.
 Oakhill Rd. @ Monument Rd.

Old Northfield Rd. @ Tower Hill
 Old Stage Rd. @ Prospect St.
 Ox Bow Rd. @ Monument Rd.
 Ox Bow Rd. @ Plain Rd.
 Pierce Rd. @ Brattleboro Rd.
 Pineridge Ln. @ Plain Rd.
 Plain Rd. @ Brattleboro Rd.
 Pleasant St. @ Brattleboro Rd.
 Pleasant St. @ Highland Ave.
 Prospect St. @ Brattleboro Rd. (E)
 Prospect St. @ Brattleboro Rd. (W)
 Revere Dr. @ Meetinghouse Rd.
 Rosemont Dr, @ Hastings Circle #6 (E)
 Rosemont Dr, @ Hastings Circle #6 (W)
 Rosemont Dr. @ Hastings Circle #2
 Sargent St. @ Canal St.
 Schofield Mountain Rd. @ Northfield Rd.
 School St. @ Brattleboro Rd.
 School St. @ Prospect St.
 Snow Ave. @ Northfield Rd.
 Spring St. @ High St.
 Spring St. @ Highland Ave.
 Streeter Ln. @ Middle Oxbow Rd.
 Susan's Dr. @ Brattleboro Rd.
 Susan's Dr. @ Old Brattleboro Rd.
 Tower Hill Rd. @ Northfield Rd.

Section 4. Speed Limits

In accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 265, Section 63, the Board of Selectmen finds by traffic investigation that the prima facie speed limits contained with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 265, Section 60 are greater than reasonable for certain streets with the Town of Hinsdale, and therefore established the following alteration of speed limits as the reasonable prima facie limits for those streets, as follows:

- I. Unless otherwise posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on the following public ways in the town at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour:

School St

- II. Unless otherwise posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on the following public ways in the town at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour:

Apache Ave., Butler Ave., Charles Dr., Church St., Cottage St., Cream Pot Hill, Emerson Dr., Fitzgerald Ct., George St., Glen Street., Hancock St., Hastings Circle, High St., Highland Ave., Hinsdale Hts., Howard St., Howe Dr., Indian Acres, Jeff St., Kilburn St., Mohawk St., Mountain Rd., Pine Ridge Lane, Pleasant St., Revere Dr., Rubeor Dr., Sargent St., Oak Hill Rd., Pierce Rd., Rosemont Drive, Snow Ave., Spring St., Stearns Ct., Streeter Lane, Weaver Lane.

- III. Unless otherwise posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on the following public ways in the town at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour:

Carpenter Dr., Depot St., Dodge Ave., Fox Run Rd., Lost Rd., Maple Lane, Middle Oxbow Rd., Meetinghouse Rd., Montiero Dr., Old Northfield Rd., Old Stage Rd., Plain Road Ext., Pond Rd., Prospect St., River Rd., South Parrish Rd., Susan's Dr., Tower Hill Rd.

- IV. Unless otherwise posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on the following public ways in the town at a speed greater than 35 miles per hour:

Monument Rd., Old Brattleboro Rd., Old Chesterfield Rd., Oxbow Rd., Plain Rd.

Section 5. One-way Public Ways

1. Traffic on School Street shall be directed one-way southbound between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. when school is in session Monday thru Friday during the school. The one-way area will start at Route 119 and ends at the north side of the entranceway leading to the parking lot located in the rear of the elementary school. Two-way traffic will be from said parking lot to Prospect Street. All buses and delivery vehicles shall be exempt.

Section 6. Operation of Vehicles

1. Vehicles shall not be driven on any sidewalk, except to enter a permanent or temporary driveway, or at the direction of a police officer or firefighter.

Section 7. 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.