

PARKING ORDINANCE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND, VERMONT

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. Under the authority granted in 23 V.S.A. Section 1008 and 19 V.S.A. Section 304 (6), the Selectboard of the Town of Townshend hereby adopts the following regulations concerning on street parking.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of these regulations is to promote public safety, to provide good traffic flow and to assist the town maintenance of streets and highways.

SECTION 3. GENERAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS TOWNSHEND VILLAGE

- a.** It shall be unlawful to park in excess of two (2) hours on Route 35 (TH #29) beginning at the intersection of Routes 30 and 35 to the corner of Peaked Mountain Road during the hours seven (7:00) A.M. and five (5) P.M., Monday through Friday.
- b.** It shall be unlawful to park less than 20 feet from an intersection;
- c.** It shall be unlawful to park in any area where official "No Parking" signs are posted;
- d.** It shall be unlawful to park where there is a designated "Fire Lane";
- e.** It shall be unlawful to park outside of the designated painted parking areas.
- f.** It shall be unlawful to park on any sidewalk at anytime.

SECTION 4. WINTER PARKING.

- a.** It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle of any type upon any street, highway or sidewalk within the entire Town of Townshend from November 1, until the following April 15th during the hours of twelve midnight (12:00 A.M.) and six in the morning (6:00 A.M.)
- b.** Any person who shall leave parked a vehicle of any type, which is a hazard to the safe flow of traffic, blocks or otherwise obstructs the use of fire hydrants or any emergency vehicles shall be in violation of this Ordinance.

c. The Seasonal No Parking Zone on the State Highway in Townshend certified on December 18, 1998 remains in effect. Certificate No. 981218-08 is hereby attached to this document.

SECTION 5. ABANDONED VEHICLES.

- a. It shall be unlawful to leave any abandoned vehicles or vehicles parked so as to constitute a nuisance on property owned, leased or maintained by the Town for twelve (12) hours or more continuously.
- b. Any vehicle in violation of the provisions of this article may be summarily removed at the owner's expense, by order of any law enforcement officer, road commissioner, or selectman.
- c. If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under section 4 hereof does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing and storage expenses within thirty (30) days of the date of removal, the title of such vehicle shall escheat to the Town and the vehicle may be sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Title 27, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 11.

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT. Vehicles parked in violation of these regulations may be towed by order of the any law enforcement officer, Selectman, Road Foreman or other party designated by the Selectboard, and, in the event of a fire, a fire officer; at the expense of the owner.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. The sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section thereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other section.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Townshend Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. Section 1973, the taking effect of this ordinance shall be governed by that statute.

These regulations shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Town of Townshend Selectboard and shall be posted in the Town Office.

Signed on this 19th day of May 2003 at Townshend, Vermont.

Berenice Brooks (signed)

Scott Chase (signed)

Henry K. Martin (signed)

William Eckhardt (signed)

Selectboard Members

Received for record May 19, 2003

Cynthia Davis (signed)