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TOWN OF GOSHEN

PARKING AND TRAFFIC ORDINANCES

AUG 15, 2017

Following a public hearing on August 29th, and pursuant to NH RSAs 31:39, 41:11, 41:11-a, 47:17 V11, V111, XV11, and 265:71, the Board of Selectman hereby adopt the following ordinances related to parking in the Town of Goshen.

1. General Restrictions.

There shall be NO PARKING at any time in designated areas when signs are erected giving notice thereof. Notice can also be given by posting notice of restricted parking areas by bulletin boards, websites or other legal forms of notification. Enforcement of this ordinance shall be at the discretion of the Select Board, Police department or other dully authorized designee. Exceptions to parking restrictions may be granted by the Select Board, Police Department or other dully authorized designee to accommodate special situations which are judged to be in the public's best interest. This Ordinance and any Parking restrictions may be changed from time to time by the Goshen Select Board depending on needs and the best interest of the Town.

- A) It shall be unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to stop, stand, or park any vehicle in any place where official traffic signs have been erected or marked prohibiting standing and/or parking, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or other person, traffic control sign or signal.
- B) No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on the paved, main or traveled portion of any highway, road or street.
- C) No vehicle shall be parked so as to restrict the portion of the road available for through traffic to sixteen (16) feet or less road width, except in areas marked for parking by the town.
- D) There shall be no parking on any hill or curve or any place where vision is not clear for at least one hundred-fifty (150) feet in either direction as the road goes, or where "NO PARKING" signs are posted, or where parking any vehicle will restrict the portion of the road available for through traffic to 16 feet or less road width.

2.0 Specific Restrictions.

Specific area parking restrictions can be posted from time to time by any legal means. Currently posted are these areas:

1. Sugar River on Route 10 on the south side from Lear Hill Road to the grange.
2. The East end of Old Providence Road.
3. The East end of Center Road.

2-1 No parking Limited by Time or Permit.

The following areas are listed parking spaces limited by time or permit within the Town of Goshen:

1. Four Corners road from the House #33 down to cemetery parking area.
2. Gunnison Lake Parking Lot by permit only and not allowed after 7:00 PM.
3. Cemeteries parking areas 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
4. Goshen Transfer Station by permit only when open for operation.

Parking Permits can be obtained as described in the Goshen Transfer station and Recreation Permit procedure. This procedure can be obtained at the Goshen Town Hall or as posted on the Goshen Town website.

2-2 No Parking Seasonal

The following are NO PARKING AT ANYTIME DURING SEASONAL PERIOD described within the Town of Goshen.

1. No parking on all town streets or parking lots between the hours of 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM from November 1st, to April 1st, of each year.
2. No Parking for longer than (20) minutes between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM within the Town Hall parking lot located on the North side of Route 10 and in front of the Grange Hall along the south side of Route 10 during the following elections held at the Town Hall: NH Primary Day, Town Voting Day, September State Primary Day, and November Election (First Tuesday in November).

2-3 No Parking Stopping or Standing

The following areas listed are NO PARKING STOPPING OR STANDING at any time within the Town of Goshen.

1. All dry hydrants and fire cisterns on any public or private road or way.

2-4 No parking per order of the Chief of Police

There shall be NO PARKING at any time designated areas when signs are erected giving notice thereof. The Police Chief or his/her designee shall have the authority to restrict or prohibit parking on any Town Street or Parking lot whenever the use of same becomes hazardous to do so, or in an emergency condition exist the requires the same.

2-5 No Parking (Permit Only)

The following areas are listed are limited to parking with an official and current Town of Goshen permit that was issued by the Town of Goshen for that specific vehicle, period of time, or person or business that is entitled to park at this restricted area. The following areas listed are PERMIT ONLY PARKING areas within the Town of Goshen.

1. Gunnison Lake Parking Lot.
2. Rand Pond Boat Ramp.

Section 3.0 Traffic and Other Regulations.

To facilitate public safety, orderly traffic flow, road maintenance and other related conditions the Town may from time to time post other signage regarding specific Town ordinances or regulations.

3-1 Current specific regulations include NO THROUGH TRUCKING POSTING ON:

1. Province Road
2. Cross Road

Section 4.0 PENALTIES AND FINES.

4-1 Penalties and Fines

All parking violations shall be a \$25.00 dollar fine except as provided in the following paragraphs:

- A. Handicapped Zone: The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be \$75.00.
- B. Summons: Any summons submitted the Newport District Court will have a penalty of not less than \$250.00

4-2 Owner responsibility for Illegal Parking

A person shall not allow or permit a vehicle registered in his/her name to stand or park in violation of any of the ordinances of the Town of Goshen controlling the standing or parking of vehicles and the owner or person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held prima facie responsible for such violation.

4-3 Notice of Violation

A police officer observing a violation of any of the provisions of these Parking Ordinances shall attach to the vehicle a notice to the operator or owner that the vehicle has been parked in violation and instructing the operator or owner to report to police headquarters. The notice shall contain:

- A. Location: The location where the vehicle is parked
- B. Registration Number of vehicle: The state registration number of the vehicle.
- C. Time of violation: The time at which such vehicle is parked in violation of any of the provisions of these ordinances.
- D. Any Other Facts: Any other facts, Knowledge of which is necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances attending such violations.

4-4 Procedure for Paying Penalties

The operator or owner may pay the fine within ten working days of the time when the notice was attached to the vehicle that the violation of the parking Ordinances has occurred. The fine is paid to the Town of Goshen Town Clerk or through the Goshen Police Department as a penalty and in lieu of court proceedings. Failure by the operator or owner to make such payment within 10 working days may result in the issuance of a summons to the operator or owner to appear in court to answer to the charges of violation of the ordinance. The Chief of Police may authorize, at any time before a court summons has been issued, but not after the expiration of the ten working day period, the acceptance of a voluntary payment as a penalty in full satisfaction of the violation.

4-5 Towing vehicles Away

The Goshen Police Department is authorized to remove and tow away or have removed and towed away by a commercial towing service, any abandoned vehicle or other vehicle illegally parked in a place where it creates or constitutes a traffic hazard, blocks use of a fire hydrant, or obstructs or may obstruct snow removal operations or the movement of any emergency vehicle. Vehicles towed for illegal parking shall be stored in a safe place and shall be returned to the owner or operator upon payment of all fees for towing and storage.

After a public hearing, the above ordinance was adopted by the Board of Selectman on _____

Goshen Board of Selectman

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