

TOWN OF KENSINGTON

PARKING ORDINANCE

TITLE: Ordinance Regulating – Parking

Pursuant to RSA 41:11 and RSA 47:17 XVIII, the Town of Kensington, New Hampshire hereby ordains as follows:

PURPOSE: This ordinance is designed to reduce or eliminate illegal parking as outlined by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Kensington. It is intended to enforce and regulate the parking and standing of illegal stopped or parked vehicles regardless of whether the vehicle is attended or unattended. All parking regulations will be determined at the discretion of the Kensington Police Department.

DEFINITIONS:

1. **PUBLIC STREET:** All ways maintained and/or accepted by the town.
2. **PRIVATE AREAS:** Any way, business or area which is considered private.
3. **VEHICLE:** Includes but not limited to any car, truck, bus, highway equipment, motorcycle or any other vehicle defined in RSA 259:1.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS:

- A. **Handicap parking:** Any area designated as parking for handicap parking. This will pertain to any area marked by means of paintings and/or signs.
- B. **Roadway Parking:** No portion of a vehicle shall be parked on any paved portion of a roadway which would impede the smooth flow of traffic.
- C. **Prohibited Areas:** No vehicle shall be parked in area designated as no parking areas by the NH Department of Transportation and/or Board of Selectmen, Town of Kensington and/or by signs indicated a “No Parking” area.
- D. **Winter Parking Ban:** No vehicle shall be parked on any street in the Town of Kensington between the dates of November 15th and May 15th Dates and times may be changed by the Board of Selectmen. Failure to comply with the town ordinance may result in removal and storage of any vehicle at the owner’s expense.
- E. **Snow Removal:** No vehicle shall be parked on any street in such a manner as to obstruct or 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. Violations of this section may result in a penalty not to exceed \$500.00 and/or cost incurred in removing any obstruction at the owner’s expense.
- F. **Blocking:** No vehicle shall be parked in a manner which causes driveways, crosswalks or fire hydrants to be blocked
- G. **Distance:** Any vehicle parked on the roads in the Town of Kensington shall be parked in a manner that traffic has a clear view of the parked vehicle for a distance of at least two hundred feet each direction. Police will determine this enforcement area based on safety of the traffic.
- H. **Fire Hydrants:** No vehicle shall be parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- I. **Intersection:** No vehicle shall be parked within 30 feet on an intersection.

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- J. Fire Station Entrance: No vehicle shall be parked within 75 feet of a Fire Station Entrance or across the street.
- K. Fire Lanes: No vehicle shall be parked in an area designated as a fire lane.
- L. Parking after Hours: No vehicle shall be parked after hours in any designated public parking area.
- M. Kensington Sawyer Park and Kensington Conservation Land and Trails. It shall also be unlawful for any person having the custody or control of any motor vehicle to park or allow the motor vehicle to be parked at either of the Town parks, trails or conservation land from 10:00pm to 6:00am. If a town sanctioned event is being held beyond 10:00 pm, the time will be extended only to the end of that event. Permission to leave/park a motor vehicle overnight at any parking area may be obtained from the Chief of Police or the ranking on-duty Police Officer

TOWING:

- A. All vehicles found in violation of this ordinance may be removed (towed) at the discretion of the Police Department. Costs of such removal and subsequent storage of removed vehicles shall be at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.
- B. The release of this vehicle will be after all required fees and/or fines are paid.
- C. Unless safety dictates otherwise, the Police Department will not have the vehicle removed until they have attempted to contact the owner and/or operator of the vehicle.

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY:

1. Enforcement action or prosecution may be initiated against the operator or the registered owner of any vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance. The penalty for the violation of this Ordinance shall be a fine of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each offense. Fines shall be payable within 7 calendar days at the Kensington Police Department.
2. Winter Parking Ban: Any vehicle parked on any street in the Town of Kensington between the dates of November 15th and May 15th dates will be in violation of the Kensington Town Ordinance may result in a fine of \$50.00 and removal and storage of any vehicle at the owner's expense.
3. Snow Removal: No vehicle shall be parked on any street in such a manner as to obstruct or 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. Violations of this section may result in a penalty not to exceed \$500.00 and/or cost incurred in removing any obstruction at the owner's expense.
4. The Chief of Police or any officer of the Kensington Police Department may cause any motor vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance to be removed from the street, highway, or parking lot at the expense of the owner.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

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This ordinance shall be effective upon posting at the Kensington Town Hall and upon recording an attested copy of same with the Kensington Town Clerk.

(As adopted by the Kensington Board of Selectmen on, _____ . A signed copy of this policy is on file at the Kensington Town Hall)

Joe Pace

Date:

Robert Solomon

Board of Selectmen Policy
Town of Kensington

Robert Gustafson