

TOWN OF WORCESTER

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING LOGGING OPERATIONS.

SECTION I. Authority.

This ordinance is adopted under the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. 2291 and 19 V.S.A. 1110 and 1111.

SECTION II. Purpose.

To promote public safety by keeping town highway rights-of-way clear.

SECTION III. Severability.

If any portion of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION IV. Access to town highways.

(a) The construction of any new access onto a town highway shall require the approval of the Worcester Road Commissioner. This shall apply to either temporary or permanent access, including access for logging operations.

(b) Appeals from the decision of the Road Commissioner shall be made to the Selectboard.

SECTION V. Parking.

(a) Vehicles used in logging shall not be parked or otherwise left within the right-of-way of a town highway. (Town highway right-of-way is presumed to be 3 rods wide.) Landings shall be constructed so that vehicles will be clear of the right-of-way during loading.

(b) Appeals under this section shall be made to the Selectboard.

SECTION VI. Objects in the right-of-way.

(a) Logs, equipment, supplies and debris shall be kept outside the right-of-way so as to allow adequate drainage in roadside ditches and culverts, allow necessary snow removal and maintenance, and allow maximum visibility on the highway.

(b) Appeals under this section shall be made to the Selectboard.

SECTION VII. Mud Season

Logging vehicles and other equipment are subject to the posted seasonal weight limits on Worcester town highways.

SECTION VIII. Penalties.

Violators shall be fined \$100.00 for each offense. Each day of violation shall be considered a separate offense.

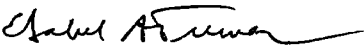
SECTION IX. Effective date.

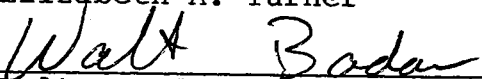
This ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days after its adoption by the Worcester Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. 1973, the taking effect of this ordinance shall be

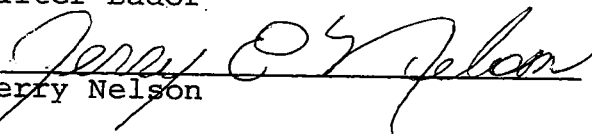
governed by that statute.

Adopted by the Selectboard on July 13, 1994.

This ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the Town records and shall be posted in at least five conspicuous places in town. A concise summary of it shall be published in the Times Argus within fourteen days of its adoption accompanied by information as to where the full text of it may be examined, the right of the voters to petition for a vote, and the name, address and telephone number of a person who is available to answer questions about it. The ordinance shall become effective sixty days after its adoption unless a petition signed by five percent of the qualified voters in the Town of Worcester asking for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance is filed with the Town Clerk or the Selectboard within forty four days after the adoption of the ordinance. If such a petition is filed, the Selectboard shall call a special meeting to vote on that question and the ordinance shall become effective at the end of that meeting unless a majority of those voting on the question disapproves the ordinance or sixty days after adoption.

  
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