

PARKING ORDINANCE

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SECTION 1. AUTHORITY: Under the authority granted in 24 V.S.A Chapter 59, 24 V.S.A. §. 2291 (4), V.S.A. §1008 and 19 V.S.A. § 304(a) (6), the Selectboard of the Town of Worcester hereby adopts this civil ordinance regulating parking.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE: The purpose of this ordinance is to promote safety, to provide good traffic flow and to assist the Town of Worcester in the maintenance of streets and highways.

SECTION 3. SEPARATE OFFENSES: Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 4. STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING VEHICLES: No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of an enforcement officer or traffic control device, or in any of the following places:

- (a) On a sidewalk;
- (b) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (c) Within an intersection;
- (d) Within six (6) feet of a fire hydrant;
- (e) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway;
- (f) In front of all fire department doors or in a designated fire lane area;
- (g) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping, standing, or parking;

No person shall move a vehicle into any such prohibited area.

SECTION 5 - ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES: Any law enforcement officer, road commissioner or fire chief may issue a parking ticket of \$20.00 or tow any vehicle parked in violation of Section 4 of this ordinance. Parking tickets shall be paid to the Worcester Treasurer within 15 days of issuance. A late payment fee of \$10 will be imposed for each parking ticket not paid within 15 days of issuance. Vehicles towed will be at owners expense, all charges by the towing company will be at the vehicle owners expense.

SECTION 6 – ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OF PARKING TICKETS: Within 15 days of the issuance of a parking ticket, the recipient may appeal the violation by

submitting a written statement of appeal to the Town Treasurer. The written statement shall state the facts supporting the appeal and why such a ticket is believed to be unlawful. The Town Treasurer or the selectboard chair will review the statement within 15 days and shall issue a brief written decision on the appeal which shall be final. If after exhausting this process, the violator has not paid the penalty assessed for violation of this ordinance, the Town may institute an action against the violator in accordance with rule 80.9 of the Vermont Rules of Procedure.

SECTION 7 - EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days after its adoption by the Worcester Town Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 25 V.S.A. §1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

SECTION 8 – SEVERABILITY: If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

Signed on this 7th day of October, A.D. 2024 at Worcester, Vermont

THE WORCESTER SELECTBOARD

John Kaeding Chairman

Roger Strobridge

Carter Stowell
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Attest: Jennifer LeStat 10/7/24
Jennifer LeStat Date

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was posted in (3) public places in the town of Worcester on the 8th day of October, A.D. 2024, to wit: Town Clerk’s Office, Worcester town hall, Worcester U.S. Post Office, Doty Memorial School, LBJ'S Grocery and was published in the *Times Argus*, a newspaper having general circulation in the town of Worcester on the 11th day of October, A.D. 2024 and was recorded in the Ordinance Records of the Town of Worcester on the _____ day of _____, A.D. 2024.

Attest: Jennifer LeStat
Jennifer LeStat, Town Clerk