

PARKING ORDINANCE

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. SEPRATE OFFENSES. Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 4 WINTER AND MUD SEASON PARKING. It shall be unlawful for vehicles to be parked within the public right-of-way of the town roads or highways from November 1 until May 15 inclusive.

SECTION 5. 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 elevate structure upon a highway;
- (f) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping, standing, or parking;
- (g) All fire department doors.

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

SECTION 6. PARKING ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS.

- (a) The Selectboard is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating no parking upon either side or both sides of any town road adjacent to any school property when such parking would in their opinion, interfere with traffic or cause a hazardous situation.
- (b) When official signs are erected indicating no parking upon either side of a town road adjacent to any school property as authorized herein, no person shall park a vehicle in any such designated place.

SECTION 7. NO PARKING AREAS. It shall be unlawful to park:

- (a) In any area where official “No Parking” signs are posted:
- (b) On both sides of Minister Brook Road beginning adjacent to electric utility pole #45811 and going west 1000 feet to a point beyond the intersection of town trail #6 and Minister Brook Road.
- (c) All areas but not limited to locations described in section 5 and 6.

SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES. Vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance may be towed by order of any Vermont-certified law enforcement officer or designee of the Selectboard; to the nearest garage or other place of safety. In addition to towing charges, a penalty of \$75.00 shall be assessed for each violation.

SECTION 9. 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 10. 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 _____ day of _____, A.D. 2023 at Worcester, Vermont

THE WORCESTER SELECTBOARD

Roger Strobridge Chairman

John Kaeding

Carter Stowell

Attest: _____

Jennifer LeStat

Date

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was posted in (3) public places in the town of Worcester on the _____ day of _____, A.D. 2023, to wit: Town Clerk’s Office, Worcester town hall and Doty Memorial School and was published in the *Times Argus*, a newspaper having general circulation in the town of Worcester on the _____ day of _____, A.D. 2023 and was recorded in the Ordinance Records of the Town of Worcester on the _____ day of _____, A.A. 2023.

Attest: _____

Jennifer LeStat, Town Clerk