

PARKING ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. Under the authority granted in 24 V.S.A Chapter 59, 24 V.S.A. § 2291(4), 23 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 its 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 VEIDCLES. 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----in any of the following places:

- (a) On either side 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.
- (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 any fire department doors;
- (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, including the Town Constable, may issue a parking ticket for any vehicles parked in violation of Section 4 of this ordinance. Each parking ticket shall set forth the waiver fee to be paid within 15 days if the person issued the ticket chooses not to contest the violation, along with the civil penalty for such a violation if the person issued a ticket unsuccessfully contests the violation or fails to pay the waiver fee within 15 days of a ticket's issuance. Parking tickets shall be paid to the Worcester Treasurer within 15 days of issuance. The waiver fee for violating any provision of Section 4 of this Ordinance shall be \$20. The civil penalty for violating any provision of Section 4 of this Ordinance shall be \$30.

SECTION 6. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OF PARKING TICKETS. Within 15 days of the date of issuance of a parking ticket, the recipient may appeal the violation by submitting a written statement of appeal and any supporting documents to the Town Treasurer. The written statement and supporting documents shall state the facts supporting the appeal and why such a ticket is believed to be unlawful or otherwise should be dismissed. The Town Treasurer or the selectboard chair will review the statement and shall issue a brief written decision granting or denying the appeal within 15 days of its receipt which shall be final. If, after exhausting the foregoing 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 Civil Procedure.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days after its adoption by the Worcester Town Selectboard; however, if a petition is filed in compliance with 24 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.
