

# **Parking Ordinance**

## **Town of Townshend, Vermont**

**SECTION 1. Authority.** Under the authority granted in 23 V.S.A. 1008 and 19 V.S.A. 304 (6), the Selectboard of the Town of Townshend hereby adopts the following regulations concerning on-street parking.

**SECTION 2. Purpose.** The purpose of these regulations is to promote public safety, to provide good traffic flow and to assist the Town in maintenance of streets and highways.

### **SECTION 3. General Parking Restrictions Townshend Village.**

- a. It shall be unlawful to park in excess of two (2) hours on Route 35 (TH #29) beginning at the intersection of Routes 30 and Route 35 to the corner of Peaked Mountain Road during the hours seven (7:00) A.M. and five (5:00) P.M., Monday through Friday.
- b. It shall be unlawful to park within twenty (20) feet of an intersection.
- c. It shall be unlawful to park in an area where official "No Parking" signs are posted.
- d. It shall be unlawful to park where there is a designated "Fire Lane."
- e. It shall be unlawful to park on any sidewalk at any time.

### **SECTION 4. Winter Parking.**

- a. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle of any type upon any street, highway or sidewalk within the entire Town of Townshend from November 1st, until the following April 15<sup>th</sup>, during the hours of twelve (12:00) A.M. and six (6:00) A.M.
- b. Any person who shall leave any type of vehicle parked which is a hazard to the safe flow of traffic, blocks or otherwise obstructs the use of fire hydrants or any emergency vehicles shall be in violation of this Ordinance.
- c. The Seasonal No Parking Zone on the State Highway in Townshend certified on December 18, 1998, remains in effect. Certificate No. 981218-08 is hereby attached to this document.

### **SECTION 5. Abandoned Vehicles.**

- a. It shall be unlawful to leave any abandoned vehicles or vehicles parked so as to constitute nuisance on property owned, leased or maintained by the Town for twelve (12) hours or more continuously.
- b. Any vehicle in violation of the provisions of this article may be summarily removed at the owner's expense, by order of any law enforcement officer, road commissioner, or selectman.
- c. If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under Section 4 hereof does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing and storage expenses within thirty (30) days of the date

of removal, the title of such vehicle shall escheat to the Town and the vehicle may be sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the provisions of 27 V.S.A. 11.

**SECTION 6. Enforcement.** Vehicles parked in violation of these regulations may be towed by order of any law enforcement officer, selectmen, road foreman or other party designated by the Selectboard and, in the event of a fire, a fire officer, at the expense of the owner.

a. Penalties: A violation of this Ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. 1974a. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance.

b. Parking violation penalty shall be \$25.00 per first offense violation.

c. Repeat violaters may be subject to towing, booting and/or additional fines plus any costs.

**SECTION 7. Severability.** The sections of this Ordiance are declared severable and if any section thereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall no affect the validity of any other section.

**SECTION 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Town of Townshend Selectboard and shall be posted in the Town Offices.

Signed on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014 at Townshend, Vermont.

Kathleen J. Hege  
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Selectboard Members

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