

**TOWN OF THORNTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PARKING REGULATIONS ORDINANCE**

Section 1: BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON AS FOLLOWS: THE TOWN OF THORNTON PARKING ORDINANCE, AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF THORNTON BY ITS BOARD OF SELECTMEN, PURSUANT TO RSA 41:11 AND RSA 47:17,XVIII.

Section 2: This Ordinance shall be captioned "Town of Thornton Parking Ordinance" and shall take effect on its adoption by the Town. With discretion of authority, this ordinance for parking in specific places will be enforced to protect the general health, safety and welfare for the residents of the Town of Thornton and the general public.

Section 3: DEFINITION: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to stop, stand or park any vehicle or cause the same to stop, stand or be parked at any time, on any roadway, intersecting roadway or highway, public or private parking lot, contrary to the provisions as set forth, within the Town of Thornton, New Hampshire. Any vehicle parked in the following locations further defined by RSA 265:68 and 265:69 shall be deemed to be in violation.

- a) On any public sidewalk
- b) On a public crosswalk
- c) In front of a public or private driveway
- d) Within thirty (30) feet of any stop or yield sign
- e) Within an intersection or within fifteen (15) feet of an intersecting roadway
- f) Parked double along the roadway side of any other vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of a curb of any street
- g) Upon any area of Town of Thornton property posted to prohibit parking
- h) Upon any way when the principal purpose is displaying the vehicle for sale
- i) Upon the travel portion of any roadway so as to obstruct the movement of traffic within the travel lane
- j) Upon any roadway against traffic or facing approaching traffic
- k) At any place where official signs specifically prohibit parking
- l) In any designated Fire Lane
- m) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire-hydrant or sprinkler supply head
- n) In any area designated as Handicapped Parking
- o) The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to commercial vehicles loading and unloading. The Police Department shall have authority, if they deem necessary to permit commercial vehicles for a period for Twenty (20) minutes in which to load or unload whereby the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply.
- p) Park a motor vehicle with right side wheels closest to the curb.

Section 4: WINTER PARKING BAN: It shall be unlawful for any persons, firm or corporation to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following provisions of this section:

Within the Town of Thornton, from November 1st to May 1st, no parking is permitted on any public street or any town-owned right of way, or in any town-owned parking lot between 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM.

In the event of a winter snowstorm requiring snow plowing and/or removal as deemed necessary by the Thornton Road Agent, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation having custody and/or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the public right of way, or on any public street or any town-owned parking lot during a snow storm.

Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

Section 5: ENFORCEMENT: The Chief of Police of the Town of Thornton or his or her duly appointed agents are hereby authorized to cite, summons and prosecute in the District Court or any other court having jurisdiction thereof, any persons, firm or corporation deemed to be in violation of the provisions for parking prohibited in specific places.

Section 6: RESPONSIBILITY: All violations of parking restrictions and charges shall be deemed the responsibility of the registered owner of said vehicle. Such registration may be proven as set forth in RSA 261:60. Said registered owner shall be conclusively presumed to be in control of the vehicle at the time of the parking violation, and no evidence of actual control or culpability need be proven as an element of the offense in accordance with RSA 231:132-A.

Section 7: PENALTIES: The following penalties shall be assessed for parking violations if paid within seventy-two (72) hours of the issuance of a parking ticket:

- a. Parking within a fire lane or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant - one-hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- b. Parking upon a side walk - fifty dollars (\$50.00)
- c. Parking in front of driveway - fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- d. Parking or blocking a designated handicapped parking space without authority - one-hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- e. Overnight parking violation - fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- f. Snow removal violation - fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- g. Parking within a no parking zone - fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- h. Within an intersection or within 15 feet of any intersection unless otherwise marked - fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- i. Permit parking violation - fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- j. Improper parking, alongside or opposite any public way, when such stopping, standing, or parking would block or obstruct traffic - fifty dollars (\$50.00).

- k. Any person who fails to pay a parking violation, snow removal violation, overnight parking violation within the prescribed seventy-two (72) hour period from the time of issue of said citation shall be guilty of a separate violation of failure to pay parking violation(s) and shall be fined no more than five-hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Section 8: PROCEDURES FOR PAYMENT:

- a) The operator or owner may, within 72 hours of the time when a notice of violation was attached to the vehicle, pay to the Town of Thornton by mail or personal appearance at the Thornton Police Department the sum of the ticketed fine.
- b) Failure by the owner or operator to make such payment within the 72 hours will result in a (\$30.00) dollar late fee and/or the issuance of a summons to the owner to appear in the District Court to answer to the charges of violating the ordinance as provided in RSA 231:132-a.

Section 9: REMOVAL: Any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance may be ordered towed by the Thornton Police Department at the expense of the owner or custodian of said vehicle.


Section 10: EXCEPTIONS: Restrictions described in this chapter shall not apply when directed by a police officer for official or emergency purposes, or to emergency vehicles while on official business. The Chief of Police or his or her designee is authorized and empowered to make and enforce temporary parking regulations to cover emergencies, special conditions and special events.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by appropriate authority. This Ordinance supersedes all prior ordinances on similar subject matter.

Passed and approved by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thornton, New Hampshire, this 18th day of February, 2015.

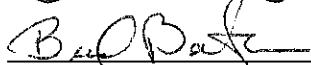


Steve Morton, Chairman

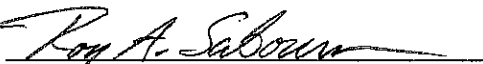


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