

PART II CODE OF ORDINANCES

CH. II-17 TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Cross reference— Provisions for notices for nuisances, signs, dangerous, unsafe, dilapidated buildings, and any other action the expense of which may be collected from the property owner, § 2-3; police department, § 2-430 et seq.; land subdivision, Ch. II-7; nuisances, Ch. II-12; loud, offensive noises prohibited, § 12-1; junked and abandoned motor vehicles prohibited on public and private property, § 12-3; streets, sidewalks and other public places, Ch. II-14; zoning and site plans and flood prevention and protection regulations, Ch. II-19.

State Law reference— Motor vehicles, 29 M.R.S.A. § 1 et seq.

ART. II-17-1. IN GENERAL

Sec. 17-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

All-night parking.

The words all-night parking shall mean the parking of a vehicle for a period of time longer than one (1) hour between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day except for physicians or other persons on bona fide emergency calls.

Camping

The word Camping shall mean to park a vehicle on a street or in a parking spot for three or more consecutive hours while occupied.

Park.

The word park shall mean the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading.

Resident.

The word resident shall mean a person who resides and is domiciled in the town or who, although not domiciled in the town, owns a dwelling in the town which he or she occupies for more than thirty (30) days in a calendar year.

Roadway.

The word roadway shall mean that portion of a street, way or road designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic. **Standing.**

The word standing shall mean any stopping of a vehicle, whether occupied or not.

Street, way or road.

The word street, way or road shall mean the entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of traffic.

Vehicle.

The word vehicle shall mean:

1. Every vehicle which is self-propelled; and
2. Any vehicle defined as a trailer according to 29 M.R.S.A. § 1.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 1(a)—(h); Ord. of 11-26-90)

Cross reference— Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

State law reference— Definitions, 29 M.R.S.A. § 1.

Sec. 17-2. Signs required.

No provision of this chapter for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that signs are required, such section shall be effective without signs being erected to give notice thereof.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 2; Ord. of 11-26-90)

Sec. 17-3. Temporary signs.

The chief of police is hereby authorized to place temporary no-parking signs or detour signs and to route traffic by the direction of police officers of the town in circumstances of emergency or congestion such as, but not limited to, fires, funerals, church services, parades, sporting events and where the traffic generated by private business locations requires such direction and control.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 17)

Sec. 17-4. Unauthorized signs, signals or markings.

No person shall place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any highway any unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device or sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic-control device or any sign or signal and no person shall place or maintain any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising. This shall not be deemed to prohibit the erection upon private property adjacent to highways of signs giving useful directional information and of a type that cannot be mistaken for official signs. Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the chief of police is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 3)

Sec. 17-5. Snow accumulation.

When the width of a roadway is decreased by reason of snow accumulation or by any other reason to less than twelve (12) feet, the chief of police is authorized to prescribe temporary traffic and parking regulations and to place such traffic signs as may be necessary to give notice of the regulations.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 18)

Sec. 17-6. Required obedience.

Except when otherwise directed by a police officer or other authorized person, the driver of any vehicle and every pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any traffic-control device, signal, sign or marker installed under the provisions of this chapter or state law. Every such person shall obey each and every provision of this chapter.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 11)

Sec. 17-7. Following traffic directions.

No person shall refuse, fail or neglect to follow the directions of a constable or police officer directing traffic on a street, way or road.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 10)

Sec. 17-8. True name to be given.

It shall be unlawful for any person when given a notice by any police officer or other authorized person to appear to answer for an offense against any provision of this chapter to give other than his true name and true place of residence or address upon the request of such police officer or other authorized person.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 16)

Sec. 17-9. Certain vehicles prohibited from certain streets.

No truck or bus other than an emergency, public works vehicle or a local passenger bus picking up and discharging passengers along designated routes at specified stops shall travel over the following streets or parts of streets except 1.) trucks or buses which are owned by and registered to persons or by corporations controlled by persons who reside within the restricted areas if such trucks or buses are stored at their residence and are transiting to or from the residence and 2.) when necessary to render service to or to deliver supplies to persons residing adjacent thereto where other means of access to such residences are not reasonably convenient:

Brook Road between Leighton Road and Mountain Road.

For purposes of this section, “truck” shall mean all vehicles with a classification of Class 5 or higher, as defined by the Federal Highways Administration 13-Category Scheme of vehicle classifications (FHWA 13-Category Scheme).

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Sec. 17-10. Vehicle restricted on certain public property.

- a. "Motorized vehicles" for the purposes of this section shall include all vehicles propelled by a motor regardless of horsepower capacity and shall include motorized minibikes and snowmobiles so called and shall include all those commercially manufactured or the homemade variety.
- b. No person shall operate or allow to be operated any licensed or unlicensed or registered or unregistered motorized vehicle within the property bounds of any municipally owned property other than those areas specifically designated for vehicular use. For the purposes of this section, municipally owned property shall include but not be limited to school grounds, recreational areas, public works garages, town hall grounds, lands which are subject to control by the municipality by virtue of conservation easements granted to the municipality and other properties designated as property owned by or under the control of the town.

(Code 1966, Ch. 502, §§ 1, 2)

Sec. 17-11. Penalty.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine for each offense, set forth in a fee schedule established by the Town Council, to be recovered on complaint to the use of the town.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 19); Ord. of 5-22-23)

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Secs. 17-12—17-49. Reserved.

ART. II-17-2. OPERATION OF VEHICLES

Sec. 17-50. Emerging from driveways.

The driver of a vehicle emerging from a private driveway, automobile service station or building shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or upon entering the roadway and shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 9)

Secs. 17-51—17-76. Reserved.

(Ord. of 05-22-23)

FOOTNOTE(S):

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State Law reference— Operation of vehicles, 29 M.R.S.A. § 891 et seq.

ART. II-17-3. STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING

Sec. 17-77. Prima facie evidence of operation.

No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand or park in any street, way or road in violation of any provision of this chapter. The fact that a vehicle is unlawfully parked shall be prima facie evidence of the unlawful parking of such vehicle by the person in whose name such vehicle is registered.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 15; Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-78. Obstructions in streets.

Any vehicle of any kind or description parked upon a street, way or road at a place, in a manner, or for a length of time prohibited by an ordinance of the town, is hereby declared to be an obstruction in such street, way or road and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 7; Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-79. Authority to remove vehicle while illegally parked.

Any vehicle parked or standing in a manner described in Sec. 17-78, Sec. 17-87 and Sec. 17-89 may be removed by or under the direction of or at the request of the chief of police or any police officer to a garage or storage place. Such police officer may use such force as may be necessary to enter such vehicle and cause the same to be placed in a condition to be moved and may call upon wreckers on the towing list maintained pursuant to Sec. 17-80 to remove the vehicle. Notwithstanding any language herein contained, the removal and storage of a vehicle pursuant to this chapter, and the payment of the charges specified herein, shall in no way relieve or prevent prosecution for the violation of any provision of this chapter.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 8(a); Ord. No. 71-2014, 12-9-2013; Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-80. Wreckers and vehicle towing.

a. *Purpose.* In order to ensure that the streets of the town remain safe, open and free of hazard and to further effectuate the efficient enforcement of the town's traffic, parking, snow removal and related ordinances, this section provides for licensing and regulating persons engaged in the business of providing vehicle towing and associated repair services at the request of the town police department; establishes rates for such services; and regulates the storage and disposition of vehicles so towed.

b. *Definitions.* As used in this section, the following words, terms and phrases have the following meanings except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Storage and release facility means the real property and any structures thereon to which wreckers tow or transport vehicles for storage until the vehicle owner claims the vehicle.

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Towing List means a list maintained by the police department containing the names of those wreckers licensed by the town to respond to requests by the police department for the towing of vehicles. The towing list itself shall consist of two (2) lists:

1. A primary list of wreckers capable of having a wrecker vehicle at a scene within thirty (30) minutes of a towing request by the police department.

2. A secondary list to be used by the police department when the wreckers in the primary list are not available which shall include but not be limited to any wrecker with a history of response times of more than thirty (30) minutes or failure to respond, as determined by the police department.

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Wrecker means an individual or business entity offering towing or flatbed service, whereby vehicles are or may be towed or otherwise removed from one (1) place to another by the use of a motor vehicle adapted to and designed for that purpose.

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Wrecker Vehicle means a motor vehicle, such as a tow truck or flatbed, intended to be used to tow or otherwise transport other vehicles.

c. *Minimum requirements.* The following minimum requirements shall be met on a continuous basis by all licensees:

1. Licensees shall operate and maintain storage and release facilities within a fifteen (15) mile radius of the police department headquarters at 2 Marshall Drive, Falmouth.
2. Licensees shall permit the chief of police or his/her designee to conduct one (1) regular and two (2) random inspections of each wrecker vehicle during the term of the license.
3. Licensees shall permit the chief of police or his/her designee to conduct one (1) regular and two (2) random inspections of each storage and release facility during the term of the license.
4. Licensees shall maintain such records as required by regulations promulgated by the chief of police and shall permit their inspection by the chief or his designee during normal business hours.
5. Vehicles must be towed or carried, not driven, to storage and release facilities.
6. Licensees must provide a secure storage and release facility
7. The police chief or his/her designee must be notified of any unclaimed vehicle by forwarding a copy of the invoice or tow slip for any unclaimed vehicle once a month to the police chief or his/her designee. Said documents shall be forwarded by the tenth day of each month and shall include documentation for each vehicle in licensee's possession that remains unclaimed on the last day of the preceding month.
8. In the event of any vehicle being towed or transported following an accident, licensees shall clean the accident area of all nonhazardous vehicular debris resulting from the accident, unless otherwise directed by on-scene public safety personnel.
9. Licensees shall not make any repairs to vehicles without the consent of the owner.
10. Vehicles shall be released from storage in accordance with this section and regulations promulgated by the chief of police.
11. Licensees shall defend, indemnify and hold the town harmless from all claims for damage to property and injuries to persons resulting from the licensees' negligence in the towing or storage of vehicles pursuant to this article.
12. Licensees shall conspicuously post current rates for services under this section at the storage and release facility.
13. Licensees shall release vehicles within one (1) hour of the owner's request and payment of any applicable fees.

- d. *Maintenance of towing lists.* The police department shall observe the following procedure for maintaining the towing list and contacting wreckers for service calls:
1. Notwithstanding that wreckers will initially be assigned to either the primary or secondary list, the police department shall move wreckers with a history of unavailability or slow response time from the primary list to the secondary list and may move wreckers with a history of satisfactory response time from the secondary to the primary list.
 2. The police department shall call wreckers on the primary list on a rotating basis.
 3. The police department may contact wreckers on the secondary list as needed.
- e. *Rates for services.* The maximum rates for services regulated under this section shall be as set by order of the town council and on file in the town clerk's office.
- For purposes of section 17-82(2), the rates in this section shall be the maximum fees allowed to be charged in connection with release of a vehicle.
- f. *Disposition of abandoned vehicles.*
1. The licensee shall comply with the procedures set forth in title 29-A M.R.S.A. §§ 1851—1859, abandoned vehicles.
 2. In the event of an unclaimed or abandoned vehicle, the licensee's sole remedy shall be as outlined in title 29-A M.R.S.A. §§ 1851—1859 regarding unclaimed and abandoned vehicles.
- g. *Release of vehicles impounded pursuant to provisions for towing parked vehicles.* Whenever a vehicle has been removed and stored pursuant to police request for violation of this article, it shall not be released until the payment of penalty fees owed to the town have been paid and the requirements of Sec. 17-82 have been met.
- h. *Removal of towed vehicle or parts thereof from wreckers' lot.* Upon written application of the owner of a vehicle, the chief of police or the chief's authorized representative, suitable arrangements may be made for the retrieval of specified personal effects, as defined in 29-A M.R.S.A. § 1861, in the vehicle if there are exigent circumstances requiring retrieval prior to the owner reclaiming the vehicle.
- i. *License required.*
1. Wreckers wishing to be placed on the towing list must apply for a wrecker license on forms provided by the police department
 2. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of an application under this division, the chief of police shall conduct an investigation to determine: the truth, accuracy and adequacy of the information contained in the application; the ability of the applicant to furnish the required service and to abide by the regulations and provisions set forth herein; the applicant's past record of performance in any wrecker or towing business and the adequacy of the applicant's equipment and storage facilities. Upon completion of the investigation, the chief of police shall grant the license and place the wrecker on one (1) of the towing lists or deny the license. The chief of police shall notify the applicant in writing of such decision and the findings and reasons, if any, for inclusion on the secondary towing list or for denial of the license, as the case may be.
 3. The following information must be submitted prior to commencement of the investigation:
 - a. Location, size and security features of the storage facility on which towed vehicles will be stored;
 - b. Location of release facility to which the public must come to claim stored vehicles;
 - c. List of towing equipment, including size and capacity;

- d. Description of the two (2) way mobile communications and base station to be used for each wrecker and at the office where calls are received;
- e. Statement of willingness to provide release of vehicles on a continuous twenty-four (24) hour-a-day basis each day of the year;
- f. Such other information as the chief of police may require on the application.

4. Licenses shall be valid until the wrecker is removed from the towing list at the wrecker's request or by the chief of police pursuant to the provisions of this section.

j. *Regulations may be promulgated by the chief of police.* The chief of police is hereby authorized to promulgate regulations not inconsistent with this section to carry out its intent. All licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be subject to such applicable regulations as are adopted hereunder either prior to or after the date of the issuance thereof.

k. *Insurance required.*

1. No wrecker shall be accepted on the towing list until the applicant has deposited with the chief of police copies of the following policies:

- a. Garage keeper's legal liability policy covering the premises, including fire, theft, windstorm, vandalism and explosion, in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), with each vehicle suffering damage or loss being deemed a separate claim.
- b. Towing/wrecker service commercial liability policy covering the operation of the licensee's business, equipment or other vehicles for any bodily injury or property damage. This policy shall be in the minimum amount of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) combined single limit for personal injury and property damage, or such other amount as may be stated in Maine Tort Claims Act (14 M.R.S.A. § 8001 et seq.) as the monetary limit of municipal liability, whichever amount shall be greater. Each wrecker insured shall be identified by make, model and vehicle identification number (VIN).
- c. Road service liability coverage for the lifting, hoisting and towing of vehicles must be included in the licensee's garage keeper's legal liability policy.

2. Each policy required above shall name the town as an additional insured and the certificate evidencing the same shall be in a form satisfactory to the town attorney. The licensee shall maintain such insurance at all times during the term of the license, and the licensee shall provide the chief of police with not less than thirty (30) days' advance written notice of the cancellation, expiration or non-renewal of said insurance.

3. The lapsing or cancellation of any policy as required hereinabove shall result in the immediate termination of the wrecker's license without any action on the part of the town.

l. *Grounds for revocation, suspension or denial.* A license issued under this division may be suspended or revoked and an application for a license may be denied by the chief of police upon a determination that the licensee, applicant or wrecker operator:

- 1. Violated any of the requirements or regulations established herein or by the chief of police under this section;
- 2. Provided unsatisfactory services for police requested towing; or
- 3. Has been convicted of any crime or has had his/her driver's license revoked or suspended by the state at any time during the five (5) years immediately preceding application; or has been imprisoned at any time during the preceding five (5) years, provided that said

conviction was for an offense which is rationally related to the purpose of licensing wreckers.

No license shall be suspended or revoked without a hearing conducted not less than seven (7) nor more than thirty (30) days after written notice has been served on the licensee personally or by first class mail, postage prepaid. The notice shall contain a generalized statement of the complaint.

m. Appeals.

1. An appeal to the town council may be taken by any person aggrieved by the granting, granting with conditions, denial, suspension or revocation of a license hereunder by the chief of police by filing a written notice of appeal in the office of the town clerk within thirty (30) days of the decision appealed from. Such notice of appeal shall state the basis for the appeal. Within thirty (30) business days after the filing of the notice of appeal, the town council shall hold a de novo hearing and may affirm, reverse or modify the decision appealed from.
2. An appeal from any final decision of the town council may be taken by any party to the superior court in accordance with the provisions of Rule 80B of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

n. Enforcement.

1. Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and each day that a violation continues shall be treated as a separate offense.
2. The chief of police or his designee may, prior to commencement of court action, issue a notice of violation to any person charged with a violation of this section. Said notice shall be in a form approved by the town attorney and shall provide a method by which a person charged with a violation of this division may waive court action with respect to the violation by payment of a specified fee within a stated period of time.

(Ord. No. 71-2014, 12-9-2013, Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-81. Notice to owner.

The police department shall make every effort to notify as promptly as possible the owner of any such vehicle of its removal from the streets, ways or roads and as soon as possible a written notice that such vehicle has been impounded shall be sent by the chief of police to the owner at his last known address as shown by the records of the secretary of state. If the owner is unknown, the chief of police shall cause to be published in any newspaper printed in the City of Portland notice of such impounding, giving the registration number, the motor number and the name, type and year of the vehicle.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 8(b); Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-82. Release of vehicle.

Before the owner of such vehicle or his representative may remove it from the possession of the person towing or storing it, he shall:

1. Furnish satisfactory evidence of his identity and of his ownership of said vehicle to the chief of police and to the person having possession of the vehicle;

2. Pay to the person having possession of the vehicle reasonable charges for the towing and storing of the vehicle; and
3. Sign a receipt for the vehicle.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 8(c); Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-83. Parking on paved or improved surface.

No vehicle shall be parked on the paved or improved surface of any street, way or road when it is practicable to park elsewhere.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 12; Ord. of 05-22-23)

State law reference— Similar provision, 29 M.R.S.A. § 1111.

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Sec. 17-84. Parking on left.

No vehicle shall be parked or stopped on the left side of any street, way or road so that it is facing oncoming traffic.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 13; Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-85. Fire lanes.

The words fire lanes shall mean those areas which from time to time may be designated by the chief of the fire department as being necessary to assure access to property by emergency vehicles including, but not limited to, fire, police and emergency vehicles. No parking, standing or stopping shall be allowed in a designated fire lane. In publicly owned and managed parking lots or areas, signs or barriers designating the fire lanes shall be erected and maintained by the town. In privately owned or operated parking lots or areas, the owner or manager will be responsible for the erection and maintenance of any required signs or barriers.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 1(i); Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-86. Prohibited parking.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon a street, way or road for the principal purpose of:

1. Displaying it for sale;
2. Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except for repairs necessitated by an emergency;
3. For the primary purpose of advertising or for the sale of any personal property or for the exercise of any business, profession or calling.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 4; Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-87. Stopping, standing or parking prohibited at specific locations.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any of the following places nor shall any person move a vehicle not owned by him into any of the places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer, other authorized person or traffic-control device:

1. On a sidewalk;
2. In front of a public or private driveway;
3. Within an intersection;
4. Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant;
5. On a crosswalk;
6. Within twenty (20) feet of the near corner of the curbs at an intersection;
7. Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
8. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb;
9. Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station;
10. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
11. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street or double park;
12. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway;
13. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;
14. Within or upon any designated fire lane in a parking lot, whether the parking lot is publicly or privately owned.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 5; Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-88. Regulations.

The stopping, standing and/or parking of vehicles and movement and types of traffic are hereby regulated on the streets or parts of the streets and other areas owned or controlled by the town set forth in the traffic schedule and when signs are erected giving notice thereof, the stopping, standing and/or parking of vehicles and movement and types of traffic shall be regulated as set forth in Sec. 17-90, Sec. 17-91, Sec. 17-92 and Sec. 17-93 and Sec. 17-96 for such streets or parts of streets and other areas owned or controlled by the town.

(Ord. of 8-27-84, § 1; Ord. of 9-26-88(2), § 1; Ord. of 11-24-97, § 2; Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-89. Snow removal; parking prohibited at certain times.

No vehicle shall be parked at any time on any street, way or road so as to interfere with or hinder the plowing or removal of snow from any street, way or road. The chief of police may cause any vehicle parked on any street, way or road so as to interfere with or hinder the plowing or removal of snow to be removed from the street in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 17-79. No vehicle shall be parked on any town-maintained way or road between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. from November fifteenth to April fifteenth.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, § 6; Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-90. No parking at any time.

a. Parking is prohibited at all times, every day in the following areas:

Allen Avenue Extension east and west sides extending one thousand (1,000) feet on both sides of the bridge.

Blackstrap Road both sides between CMP Utility Pole #172 and 25 feet north of CMP Utility Pole #173.

Depot Road north and south sides extending one hundred fifty (150) feet on both sides from its intersection with U.S. Route 1.

Eastern Avenue except for residents and guests of said street.

Foreside Road (Route 88) easterly side from Utility Pole #228 southerly to Utility Pole #210.

Foreside Road (Route 88) easterly side extending seventy-five (75) feet north from the intersection of Johnson Road with Town Landing Road.

Foreside Road (Route 88) westerly side extending three hundred and twenty-five (325) feet north from the intersection of Foreside Road with Johnson Road.

Gray Road (Route 100) north of the bridge over the Piscataqua River to 25 feet south the driveway at 240 Gray Road except the following: 1) the portion of the west side of Gray Road beginning at 105 feet north of the north egress of 226 Gray Road to 107 feet south of the intersection with Presidio Way, 2) the portion of the west side of Gray Road beginning at 82 feet north of the intersection with Presidio Way to 15 feet south of the intersection with Bella's Way, and 3) the portion of the west side of Gray Road beginning at 25 feet north of the intersection with Bella's Way to 25 feet south of the driveway at 240 Gray Road.

Hardy Road north and south sides beginning at the westerly side of driveway at 41 Hardy Road thence westerly to the driveway of the residence at 117 Hardy Road.

Knight Street both sides from Foreside Road (Route 88) to Utility Pole #1.

Lunt Road north side between Middle Road and Falmouth Road.

Lunt Road south side extending 215 feet westerly of Utility Pole #195.

Mariner Lane. No parking on the north side of the street from the intersection of Rt. 88 to the end of the street. Parallel parking only on the south side of the street.

Middle Road north and south sides beginning at 170 Middle Road and extending to the intersection at Falmouth Corner.

Route 88 easterly side from Old Mill Road northerly one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet.

Route 88 westerly side from Johnson Road southerly six thousand eight hundred (6,800) feet.

Town Landing Road north side from Utility Pole #9 to the shoreline.

Town Landing Road north side from Foreside Road (Route 88) to a point fifty-two (52) feet easterly of Utility Pole #8.

Town Landing Road south side from the Foreside Road to the shoreline.

U.S. Route 1 east and west sides extending two hundred (200) feet on both sides from its intersection with Depot Road.

Waites Landing Road north side from the driveway at 96 Waites Landing Road east to the end of the road.

Waites Landing Road south side from Fire Hydrant #126 east to the end of the road.

b. Parking is prohibited at all times, every day in all fire lanes, including:

In the shops at Falmouth Village, an area thirty (30) feet wide commencing from the building curb of the sidewalk, not including designated parking spaces.

In the West Falmouth Crossing Shopping Center, an area thirty (30) feet wide commencing from the building curb of the sidewalk, not including designated parking spaces.

In the Wal-Mart/Hoyt's Plaza, an area thirty (30) feet from the curb of the shopping center sidewalk.

c. Parking is prohibited at all times of the day during specific dates:

Depot Road southwest side from the junction of the Legion Road to the junction of the Lunt Road from May 1 to October 1.

d. Parking is prohibited at specific times and on specific dates:

Andrews Avenue-No parking, tow away zone, May 1 until October 31 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Designated spaces at the east end of Andrews Ave. are to be utilized as parking for Mackworth Island for Falmouth residents only.

Greenway Drive - No parking, tow away zone, between Fern Avenue and Route 1, May 1 until October 31 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Squidere Lane—No parking on the east side of the road from the intersection of Depot Road to the Blackstone cul-de-sac.

[Clearwater Drive - No camping between Farm Gate Road and the rotary. The Police Department may cause any vehicle parked for a period of twenty-four \(24\) hours or more to be removed from the aforementioned areas at the expense of the registered owner of such vehicle\(s\).](#)

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, App. 1(A); Ord. of 9-26-88(2), § 2; Ord. of 5-22-89, § 2; Ord. of 10-23-89, § 1; Ord. of 11-21-89, § 1; Ord. of 12-16-97; Ords. (3) of 8-28-2000; Ord. of 9-24-2001; Ord. of 10-24-2005; Amd. of 4-28-2008; Amd. of 12-8-2008; Amd. of 7-27-2009; Amd. of 12-14-2009; Ord. No. 71-2013, 2-11-2013; Ord. No. 125-2013, 5-29-2013; Ord. No. 116-2019, 5-13-2019; Ord. of 05-22-23)

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Sec. 17-91. All-night parking prohibited.

Parking all night as defined in Sec. 17-1 is prohibited in the following areas:

Town Landing Road north side from a point fifty-two (52) feet easterly of Utility Pole #8 to Utility Pole #9.

Waites Landing Road north side from a point opposite Hydrant #126 east to the driveway at 96 Waites Landing Road.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, App. 1(D); Ord. No. 9-26-88(2), § 3; Ord. of 05-22-23)

Effective on: 5/22/2023

Sec. 17-92. Parking restrictions at the town landing.

- a. Parking is prohibited every day between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. at the town landing.
- b. Parking on the real estate owned or controlled by the town located adjacent to and east and northeast of the east and northeast right-of-way line of Town Landing Road and bounded by Casco Bay and the town landing pier and boat ramp hereinafter referred to as town landing parking area is hereby restricted as follows:
 1. All parking within the town landing parking area shall be only within the numbered or marked parking areas and spaces therein as determined by the chief of police.
 2. All parking areas and spaces in the town landing parking area from May fifteenth through September thirtieth of each year shall be used only by residents of the town as defined in Sec. 17-1 except the following three (3) spaces shall not be restricted to residents:
 - a. Two (2) parking spaces which shall be designated and used only for loading and unloading;
 - b. One (1) parking space which shall be designated and used only for emergency vehicles.
 3. Four (4) parking spaces, as marked or designated shall be limited to no more than two (2) hours for each vehicle using the four (4) parking spaces.
 4. All applicable parking regulations for the town landing parking area shall be posted or marked at or near the town landing parking area, as determined by the chief of police.
 5. Parking in the town landing parking area during the period from May fifteenth through September thirtieth of each year shall be limited to motor vehicles and no trailers shall park therein.
- c. All vehicles parking in the town landing parking area during the period from May fifteenth through September thirtieth of each year shall park pursuant to permit only except for the two (2) parking spaces limited to loading and unloading and the one (1) space limited to emergency vehicles as set forth herein. The permits shall be evidenced by decals to be displayed in a prominent place on the front windshield of the vehicle. The permits and decals shall be issued by the town clerk to residents of the town as defined in Sec. 17-1. Any resident obtaining a permit and decal shall be required to sign a register to be maintained by the town clerk indicating the residence address of the person obtaining the permit and decal. The register of the town clerk for this purpose shall also include the year, model, make and license plate number of the vehicle to which the decal shall be attached. The permits and decals shall be available only during business hours at the office of the town clerk. There shall be no fee for obtaining the permit and decal. No more than one (1) permit or decal shall be issued to any one (1) person.
- d. Violations of any of the provisions hereof shall be subject to a parking ticket and fine set forth by a fee schedule established by the Town Council, which shall be enforced by any means permitted under the laws of the state including without limitation, 29 M.R.S.A. and this chapter. The town shall also be entitled to remove any vehicle parked or standing in violation of the provisions of this Sec. in accordance with the laws of the state including without limitation, 29 M.R.S.A. and Sec. 17-79 through Sec. 17-82

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, App. 1(C), (D); Ord. of 8-27-84, § 2)

Cross reference— Licenses, permits and business regulations, Ch. II-8; streets, sidewalks and other public places, Ch. II-14; taxation and finance, Ch. II-16.

Effective on: 5/22/2023

Sec. 17-93. Parking areas owned by town.

Parking at the town-owned parking area located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Foreside Road (Route 88) and Johnson Road is restricted to town residents, provided, however, that six (6) parking spaces shall be made available for use by town residents and nonresidents. These six (6) parking spaces shall be identified by appropriate signs. Residents who desire to park in this parking area shall display the resident's permit in Sec. 17-92(c) except that no permit is required to park in the resident/nonresident spaces.

(Ord. of 9-26-88(2), § 4; Ord. of 4-27-92; Ord. of 05-22-23)

Effective on: 5/22/2023

Sec. 17-94. Handicapped parking areas.

- a. No person shall park a vehicle in a parking space designated for use by handicapped persons unless such vehicle displays a special registration plate or placard issued pursuant to 29 M.R.S.A. § 252 or a similar plate or placard issued by another state. A parking space on private property is designated for use by handicapped persons if it is marked by a sign conforming to the standards set forth herein and identified in a handicapped parking schedule maintained in police department files. A public parking space is designated for use by handicapped persons if it is marked by a posted sign consisting of a profile view of a wheelchair with occupant in white on blue background and the following warning: "Handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized vehicles are subject to a fine." Such sign must be adjacent to and visible from the parking space it marks.
- b. The chief of police or his designated agent may enter into agreements with owners of private off-street parking to provide for the enforcement of parking spaces reserved by such owners for use by handicapped persons. The schedule of handicapped parking spaces to be enforced by the town pursuant to agreements between the owners of the property on which they are located and the chief of police or his designated agent is on file in the chief of police's office. Such spaces shall be marked by the owner in the manner set forth in (a) above; their number and location shall be recorded in a handicapped parking schedule maintained in police department files.

(Code 1966, Ch. 702, §§ 5A, 5B; Ord. of 05-22-23)

Effective on: 5/22/2023

Sec. 17-95. Two-hour parking.

Parking is limited to two (2) hours on both sides of Foreside Road (Route 88) beginning at a point sixty-five (65) feet southerly of Johnson Road and continuing southerly for a distance of six hundred fifty (650) feet.

Effective on: 5/22/2023

Sec. 17-96. One-way streets.

The following streets within the Town of Falmouth shall be designated as "one-way" and traffic proceeding in the direction opposite to the direction of permitted travel shall be in violation of this section.

Stonecrest Drive, from its intersection with Stapleford Drive to a point approximately 580 feet in a southeasterly direction; direction of permitted travel is southeast to northwest.

(Ord. of 11-24-97, § 1; Ord. of 05-22-23)

Effective on: 5/22/2023

Sec. 17-97. Parking restrictions at Presumpscot River Falls Park.

- a. Parking at Presumpscot River Falls Park is prohibited every day during the period beginning one (1) hour after sunset and ending one (1) hour before sunrise.
- b. Any violation hereof shall be subject to a parking ticket and fine, set forth in a fee schedule established by the Town Council, which shall be enforced by any means permitted under the laws of the state including without limitation, 29 M.R.S.A. and this chapter. The town shall also be entitled to remove any vehicle parked or standing in violation of the provisions of this section in accordance with the laws of the state including without limitation, 29 M.R.S.A. and Sec. 17-79 through Sec. 17-82 of this chapter.

(Ord. of 6-28-99; Ord. of 05-22-23)

Effective on: 5/22/2023

Sec. 17-98 Parking and standing restrictions near and at the schools complex on Woodville Road.

- a. Parking, standing and stopping is prohibited between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Woodville Road, easterly side, from Utility Pole CMP # 10 northerly to Utility Pole CMP # 29, Woodville Road, westerly side, from Utility Pole CMP # 10-S northerly to Utility Pole CMP #29S with the exception of the frontage adjacent to the Middle School building.
- b. Parking, standing and stopping is prohibited between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the School Department Administration Building parking area located on the easterly side of Woodville Road, except parking is allowed for school department employees and persons on business in that building and is otherwise allowed on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
- c. Parking is prohibited at all times, every day, in the following locations. All areas of the schools complex (Elementary School, Middle School, High School and recreational fields on both sides of Woodville Road) that are posted with appropriate signs.
- d. Violations of any of the provisions hereof shall be subject to a parking ticket and fine, set forth in a fee schedule established by the Town Council, which shall be enforced by any means permitted under the laws of the state including, without limitation, 29 M.R.S.A. and this chapter. The town shall also be entitled to remove any vehicle parked or standing in violation of the provisions of this section in accordance with the laws of the state including, without limitation, 29 M.R.S.A. and Sec. 17-79 through Sec. 17-82 of this chapter.

(Ord. of 8-9-2010; Ord. 05-22-23)

Editor's note—

Ord. of 8-9-2010 enacted provisions intended for use as § 17-100. To preserve the style of this Code, and to facilitate indexing, said provisions have been redesignated as § 17-99.1

Effective on: 5/22/2023

Sec. 17-99 Park and Ride Lot Parking Restrictions.

- A. Parking at Town of Falmouth, Maine Turnpike Authority, and Maine Department of Transportation established park and ride lots shall be subject to the rules established by the Maine Turnpike Authority.

1. Use of the park and ride lot is at the user's own risk.
2. Camping, soliciting, littering, or loitering is prohibited.
3. Trailers or vehicles longer than twenty-four (24) feet are prohibited.
4. Extended parking (more than 24 hours) is not permitted between November 1 and April 30.
5. Parking for more than seven (7) days is not permitted at any time.
6. Neither the Town of Falmouth nor the Maine Turnpike Authority are responsible for any stolen or damaged property.

B. The Town shall be entitled to remove any vehicle parked or standing in violation of the provisions of this section in accordance with the laws of the state including without limitation, 29 M.R.S.A. and [Sec. 17-79](#) through [Sec. 17-82](#) of this Chapter.

(Ord. of 05-22-23)

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Cross reference— Streets, sidewalks and other public places, Ch. [II-14](#); streets, § 14-40.

State Law reference— Parking, 29 M.R.S.A. § 1111 et seq.

ART. II-17-4. REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT ON POSTED WAYS AND BRIDGES

Sec. 17-100. Purpose and authority.

The purpose of this article is to prevent damage to town ways and bridges which may be caused by vehicles of excessive weight, to lessen safety hazards and the risk of injury to the traveling public, to extend the life expectancy of town ways and bridges, and to reduce the public expense of their maintenance and repair. This article is adopted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3009 and 29-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2395 and 2387.

(Ord. of 3-21-2005)

Sec. 17-101. Restrictions and notices.

The town council may, either permanently or seasonally, impose such restrictions on the gross registered weight of vehicles traveling over designated town ways and bridges as, in their judgment, may be necessary to protect the traveling public and to prevent excessive damage to town ways and bridges.

A notice specifying the designated sections of the town way or the bridge, the prescribed restrictions, the periods of restrictions, the date of posting and the signature of the town manager or the public works director must be conspicuously posted at each end of the town way or bridge. Whenever a restriction expires or is lifted, the notices shall be removed wherever posted. Whenever a restriction is revised or extended, existing notices shall be removed and replaced with new notices.

(Ord. of 3-21-2005)

Sec. 17-102. Prohibition; exemptions.

Whenever notice has been posted as provided herein, no person may thereafter operate any vehicle with a gross registered weight in excess of the restriction during any applicable time period on any way or bridge so posted unless otherwise exempt as provided herein or the possession of a special permit.

All town and school vehicles are exempt from this article. Heating fuel delivery trucks operating with a Maine Department of Transportation permit and vehicles transporting well drilling equipment operating during a drought emergency declared by the governor are exempt from this article, as provided in 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2395 (4-A).

(Ord. of 3-21-2005)

Sec. 17-103. Special permits.

The owner or operator of any vehicle not otherwise exempt as provided herein may apply in writing for a permit to operate notwithstanding the restrictions imposed pursuant to this article. The town council may issue a special permit if it finds that: (a) no other route is reasonably available to the applicant and (b) the applicant has tendered suitable security running to the town in an amount sufficient to repair any damage to the town way or bridge which may result from the applicant's use. Notwithstanding making such findings, the town council may refuse to issue a special permit if it determines that the proposed use will pose an unacceptable risk to public safety or to the condition of the way or bridge.

(Ord. of 3-21-2005)

Sec. 17-104. Enforcement; penalties.

This article may be enforced by the code enforcement officer or any law enforcement officer.

Any violation of this article shall be punishable in accordance with Sec. 17-11, provided that the fine provided therein shall be assessed for each one thousand (1,000) pounds of registered gross vehicle weight over the posted weight limit. In addition, the town may seek restitution for the cost of repairs to any damaged way or bridge necessitated by the unlawful use and may seek reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

(Ord. of 3-21-2005)