

Town of Grafton, NH
Parking Ordinance

Enacted Date: Aug. 29, 2017
Amended Date: _____

Pursuant to NH RSAs 31:39, 41:11, 41:11a, 47:17 VII and VIII, and 265:71, the Board of Selectmen hereby adopt the following ordinances related to parking in the Town of Grafton, NH.

Section 1: Purpose: With description of authority, this ordinance for parking in specific places will be enforced to protect the general health, safety and welfare for residents of the Town of Grafton and the general public. The ordinance is to utilize a system for the administrative enforcement of parking violation and collection of penalties, to be utilized prior to the service of a formal summons or complaint. This system will be administered by the Grafton Police Department.

Section 2: Definitions:

- a) Authorized Agent: Member of the Grafton Police, Highway Department or Selectman
- b) Grafton Property: shall be defined as the parking areas located at the Grafton Town Office complex, Historical Museum, Fire Station, Police Department, Transfer Station, Highway Department, Huff Beach, Recreation Field, Library and Town Common.
- c) Park or Parking: the complete cessation of movement of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than temporarily for the purpose of and while expeditiously taking/leaving passengers or loading/unloading merchandise or equipment.
- d) Vehicle: shall have the same definition as found in NH RSA 259:122

Section 3: Regulation:

- 1) Any vehicle parked in the following locations shall be deemed to be in violation
 - a. Upon any area of town of Grafton property posted to prohibit parking
 - b. At any place where official signs specifically prohibit parking

- c. Any overnight parking on any Grafton property, without prior approval from an authorized agent.

2) Winter Parking Ban: Between November 1st of one year and April 16th of the next year, it is unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stand, or park a vehicle, or to allow a vehicle to be left unattended upon any town road or any public way between the hours of 4:00pm and 6:00am, as well as during Ice and Snow Storms.

Section 4: Enforcement: The Chief of Police of the Town of Grafton or his/her duly appointed agents are hereby authorized to provide written notice of violation containing a description of the parking offense and any applicable schedule of penalties. Affixed to the vehicles at the time of offense, the notice shall be deemed adequate service or process on the vehicle.

Section 5: Penalties: In addition to any other remedies established by law, the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance by any proceeding commenced in the Grafton County Superior Court or the 2nd Circuit District Division, Lebanon, NH, and shall be entitled to recover from any violator all costs, including attorney's fees in connection with such enforcement to the extent allowed by said court.

Section 6: Procedure for Payment:

- a) The operator or owner shall within 30 days of the time when a notice of violation was issued to the vehicle, pay to the town of Grafton by mail or personal appearance to the Grafton Town Clerk.
- b) Failure by the owner or operator to make a payment within 30 working days may result in an issuance of a summons to the owner or operator to appear above to the said Courts to answer the charges of violating the ordinance.

Section 7: Schedule of Penalties:

1) All parking violations shall be \$25.00 except as provided in the following paragraphs:

- a) Handicapped Zone: the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be \$50.00
- b) Summons: any summons submitted to the court of jurisdiction will have penalty of not less than \$250.

2) Vehicles are subject to being towed after subsequent identical violations.

Section 8: Removal: Any vehicle in violation of Regulation 1 and 2 of this ordinance may be ordered towed by the Grafton Police Department at the expense of the owner or custodian of said vehicle.

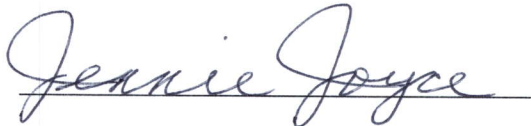
Section 9: Exceptions: Restrictions described in this chapter shall not apply when directed by a Police Officer or for emergency vehicles while on official business. The Chief of Police or his/her designee is authorized and empowered to make and enforce temporary parking regulations to cover emergencies, special conditions and special events.

Section 10: Effective Date: This policy shall be effective upon a vote of the Board of Selectmen and shall replace any and all Parking Ordinances previously enacted by the Town.

Parking Ordinance adopted by the Town of Grafton Board of Selectmen this 29th day of August, 2017.



Merle Kenyon, Chairman



Jennie Joyce

Leon Dugan

A copy of this Ordinance has been placed on file with the Grafton Town Clerk.