



## **PARKING ORDINANCE**

### **Section 1: Authority:**

Pursuant to the authority granted under the New Hampshire and Revised Statutes Annotated [RSA] Chapters 31:39-43; RSA 31:39-41; RSA 231:132-a, and other applicable statute under New Hampshire law, the following ordinance is enacted.

### **Section 2: Purpose:**

With the 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 Bristol 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 Bristol Police Department.

### **Section 3: General Provisions:**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or cooperation to stop, stand or park, any vehicle or cause the same to stop, stand or to be parked at any time, on a roadway, intersecting roadway or highway, public or private or private parking lot, contrary to the provisions set forth, within the Town of Bristol, New Hampshire. Any vehicle parked in the following locations shall be deemed to be in violation:

- a) On a public sidewalk
- b) On a public crosswalk
- c) In front of a public or private driveway
- d) Within thirty feet of any stop or yield sign
- e) Within an intersection or within thirty (30) feet of an intersecting roadway
- f) Parking on left side of vehicle curb (facing oncoming traffic)
- g) Upon any area of town of Bristol property posted to prohibit parking
- h) Upon any roadway against traffic or facing approaching traffic
- i) At any place where official signs specifically prohibit parking
- j) In a designated Fire Lane
- k) Within fifteen (15) feet of a Fire Hydrant or Sprinkler Supply Head
- l) In any area designated as Handicap Parking

**Section 4: Definition:**

*Commercial Motor Vehicle:* Any registered motor vehicle or trailer having a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of ten thousand (10,000) pounds or more, but excluding recreational vehicles that are used only for personal leisure activity.

**Section 5: Inclusive:**

This chapter and section expressly includes, but is not limited to be the only designated public parking areas within the bounds of the Town of Bristol:

***The following locations are not to be used for overnight parking except as provided in Section 6: Overnight Winter Parking Ban.***

- a) Masonic Temple lot (Mason's Lodge – 61 Pleasant St) – open to the public from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm ONLY
- b) Minot-Sleeper Library lot (45 Pleasant St)

**Section 6: Overnight 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 Bristol, from November 15<sup>th</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>, no overnight parking is permitted on any public street or any town right of way between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 AM. With the exception of the following designated parking locations to be utilized during Winter Events, which are defined as snow, sleet or ice:***

- a) *Minot-Sleeper Library lot (45 Pleasant St) – lower level parking lot ONLY*
- b) *Central Square located near 10 North Main St (TD Bank) – parking lot ONLY*
- c) *Central Street gravel parking lot (just past 20 Central Street on the right hand side)*

***All vehicles utilizing these locations for Winter Events must be removed from the parking location by 8:00 am the following the morning.***

In the occurrence of a Winter Event as defined above, at any time of day and as deemed necessary by the Town, vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations on any public street or Town right of way or Town owned parking lot may be ticketed and / or towed at the owner's expense.

**Section 7: Overnight Parking – Commercial Vehicle:**

Within the Town of Bristol, no overnight parking is permitted on any public street, Town right of way or Town owned parking lot between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 AM.

**Section 8: Enforcement:**

The Chief of Police of the Town of Bristol or his or 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 of process on the vehicle.

**Section 9: Penalties:**

In addition to any other remedies established by law, the Select Board shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance by any proceeding commenced in the Grafton County Superior Court or the Plymouth District Court, 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 10: Procedure for payment:**

The operator or owner may within ten (10) working days of the time when a notice of violation was issued to the vehicle, pay to the town of Bristol by mail or personal appearance to the Bristol Police Department.

**Section 11: Schedule of Penalties:**

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Fine</u>
1. Parking on a public sidewalk	\$50.00
2. Parking on a public crosswalk	\$50.00
3. Parking in front of a public or private driveway	\$50.00
4. Parking within thirty feet of any stop or yield sign	\$50.00
5. Parking within an intersection or within 15 feet of an intersection	\$50.00
6. Parking left side of vehicle curb (parking facing oncoming traffic)	\$50.00
7. No parking zone	\$50.00
8. Overnight parking – Commercial Vehicle	\$75.00
9. Overnight parking in unapproved Municipal lots (Exception – Winter Events)	\$50.00
10. Parked in front of/within 15 feet of hydrant, fire lane, sprinkler head	\$50.00
11. Parked in handicap space	\$150.00
12. Parking in an unapproved location during a Winter Event	\$50.00
13. Obstructing traffic at a construction site	\$50.00
14. Parking without a permit at a Town Beach (Cummings/Avery Crouse)	\$80.00
15. Parking in a No Parking Zone at a Town Beach (Cummings/Avery Crouse)	\$80.00

All parking tickets will be assessed an additional \$35.00 fee after ten (10) working days if payment is not made. Failure to pay may result in additional charges over and above the late payment fees.

Failure by the owner or operator to make a payment within fourteen 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 12: Removal and / or Subsequent Violations:**

Any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance may be ordered towed by the Bristol Police Department at the expense of the owner or custodian of said vehicle.

Each day shall constitute a separate offense and any subsequent identical violations shall be punishable by additional fines of not less than double the penalty. Vehicles are subject to being towed after subsequent identical violations.

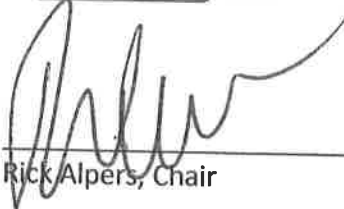
**Section 13: Exceptions:**

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 or her designee is authorized and empowered to make and enforce temporary parking regulations to cover emergencies, special conditions and special events.

**Section 14: Effective Date:**


This policy shall be effective upon a vote of the Select Board and shall replace any and all Parking Ordinances previously enacted by the Town.

Parking Ordinance amended and adopted by the Town of Bristol Select Board this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

  
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