

# **TOWN OF BUCKFIELD**

## **STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING ORDINANCE**

### **SECTION 1: PURPOSE**

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, in any of the following places:

1. On a sidewalk, bridge, culvert, or crosswalk;
2. In front of any public or private driveway; nor within ten feet of either side of any driveway;
3. Within an intersection;
4. Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant;
5. Within twenty (20) feet of the near corner of the curbs at an intersection, unless otherwise designated;
6. Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance of any fire or Rescue station and on the side of the street opposite the entrance of any fire station within seventy-five(75) feet of that entrance;
7. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
8. On the road way side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of the street or double parked, so-called;
9. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;
10. On any street or highway that is the traveled portion of said street or highway; or
11. On any street or highway where parking is allowed, with the vehicle facing in the opposite direction.

### **SECTION 2: PASSENGER AND FREIGHT LOADING ZONES**

The Municipal Officers may establish passenger zones and freight loading zones and place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the same and stating the hours during which the provisions of this Ordinance are applicable.

### **SECTION 3: NO PARKING ZONES**

The Municipal Officers may establish and then erect and maintain signs indicating that no parking is permitted on the side of said street.

### **SECTION 4: VEHICLES NOT TO OBSTRUCT**

- A. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to place the same in any street so as to prevent or obstruct the passing of other vehicles or passenger bus, and it shall be unlawful for any operator to double park a vehicle or stop the same abreast of another vehicle lengthwise or otherwise in any street at any time.

- B. Large vehicles. No owner, operator, or person in charge of any vehicle which has a carrying capacity of more than three thousand pounds or which, including load, is more than eighteen feet in length, or which, including load, is more than eight feet in width, or which, including load, is more than twelve feet six inches in height, shall permit the same to stand upon any public street in the town for a longer period than two hours, except when loading and unloading.
- C. No vehicle specified in section (b) as large vehicles shall park within the compact or built up area for a longer period than 20 minutes and then only when loading and unloading.

**SECTION 5: SPECIFIC PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

- A. The following street intersections are hereby declared to be hazardous areas and no vehicle shall be permitted to stop, stand, or park within twenty-five feet (25) of a point where the curb lines extended would intersect at the following street corners or intersections:
  - 1. Turner Street and Loring Hill Road
  - 2. Turner Street and High Street
  - 3. Turner Street and North Hill Road
  - 4. Turner Street and Cross Road
  - 5. High Street and Morrill Street
  - 6. High Street and Faunce Road
- B. No vehicle shall be allowed to stop, stand or park:
  - 1. On either side of Depot Street from a point starting at the intersection John Ellingwood Road and ending at the intersection of Loring Hill Road except as designated in front of current established businesses.
  - 2. On either side of Turner Street from a point starting at the intersection Loring Hill Road and ending at the intersection of Cross Road except as designated in front of current established businesses.
  - 3. On south side of High Street from a point starting at the intersection Route 117 and ending at the intersection of Old Sumner Road.
  - 4. On east side of Morrill Street/Route 140 from a point starting at the intersection of High Street and ending at the entrance to the SAD 39/RSU 10 Bus Garage.

## **SECTION 6: PARKING NEAR THE FIRE STATION**

- A. Authority of the Chief. The Chief of Rescue or the Fire Chief or both are hereby authorized to set out, make and maintain parking signs, lines and barriers near the fire stations in accordance with other provisions of this Section.
- B. Fire & Rescue Personnel. Parking for fire & Rescue personnel only shall be permitted in the stalls marked as "Fire & Rescue Personnel."
- C. The Fire & Rescue Chiefs' are authorized to regulate parking by means of signs within 75 feet of the fire station.

## **SECTION 7: HANDICAPPED PARKING**

No person shall park or cause to be parked any motor vehicle or motorcycle in a parking space clearly marked as a handicapped parking space, unless that vehicle or motorcycle displays a special registration license plate or placard issued under Title 29-A M.R.S.A. sections 521, 522 or 523, or a similar license plate or placard issued by another state.

## **SECTION 8: MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS**

- A. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Ordinance for any person to permit any vehicle owned by or under the control of such person to remain or stand in any Municipal Parking Lot at any time unless such vehicle complies with the laws of the State of Maine made and established for the licensing of such vehicle.
- B. Any Municipal Official of the Town of Buckfield may cause an unlicensed motor vehicle found in any Municipal Parking Lot of the Town of Buckfield to be towed away at the expense of the owner of such vehicle.
- C. No person shall park any vehicle in any Municipal Parking Lot in the Town of Buckfield for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours at any one time. For the purpose of this Ordinance, Municipal Parking Lots are hereby defined as lots of land owned and set aside by the Town of Buckfield as off-street parking areas for the parking of vehicles. Such areas are for public usage under the regulations of this Ordinance.

## **SECTION 9: SNOW REMOVAL**

- A. No vehicle shall park so as to interfere with or hinder the removal of snow from any street, way or sidewalk. The Town Manager may cause a vehicle so parked on any street, way or sidewalk to be removed from the street, way or sidewalk and towed to a tow companies property or designated area for safety, at the expense of the vehicle owner.
- B. For the purpose of facilitating the removal of snow from the streets and sidewalks of the Town, the Town Manager may cause to be placed properly marked signs along any street or streets as he or she shall from time to time deem necessary. It shall be unlawful for the operator of vehicles to enter upon, stop, stand or park within the space indicated by such signs.

### **SECTION 10: WINTER PARKING BAN**

No vehicle shall be parked on any street or way of the Town from November 1 to March 31 of the following year, between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Any vehicle so parked may be removed or caused to be moved within the scope of the towing guidelines of the Town of Buckfield. Emergency vehicles and doctors vehicles within the scope of their duty are accepted.

### **SECTION 11: EMERGENCY PARKING**

When, in the best judgment of the Municipal Officers or the Town Manager, an emergency exists or is about to exist because of snow, ice, hurricane, or other weather hazard, or because of a large gathering such as a fair or concert, the Municipal Officers or the Town Manager may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance determine and designate, by proper emergency signs, streets or portions of streets, on which no stopping or parking of vehicles may be permitted and also to determine and designate, by proper emergency signs, streets, or portions of streets, on which vehicular traffic may move only in one direction.

### **SECTION 12: PENALTIES**

- A. Any person who violates a provision of the parking ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:
1. Overtime Parking \$5.00
  2. Vehicle in Crosswalk or in Sidewalk \$10.00
  3. Obstructing Traffic \$10.00
  4. Obstructing Driveway \$10.00
  5. Parking in Restricted Area \$10.00
  6. Double Parking \$10.00
  7. Parking Overnight/Winter Ban Parking \$10.00
  8. Other \$10.00
  9. Handicapped Parking Violation \$50.00
- B. If the penalty is not paid within 30 days after notice of the violation, a civil summons may be issued charging that person with the specific violation under this ordinance. Upon adjudication, that person shall be punished by a fine according to this ordinance, Section 12, Penalties. The District Court in addition to the penalty may assess a fee not to exceed \$100.00 to cover the cost to the Town for the District Court process.
- C. Penalties are to be collected by the Buckfield Town Clerk's office and handled according to the Town cash control policy. A duplicate copy of the account will be forwarded to the Town Treasurer.

**SECTION 13: SCOFFLAWS**

Offenders who have three or more unpaid parking tickets issued by the County or State Police under this ordinance shall be considered scofflaws. Any vehicle of a scofflaw found to be in violation of this ordinance may be removed and stored at the owner's expense until all fines, penalties, storage, and towing charges are paid. In the event that such vehicle has not been redeemed pursuant to Title 29 M.R.S.A. Section 2610, it shall be deemed to have been abandoned by its owner.

**SECTION 14: HABITUAL OFFENDERS**

Any person who shall have committed more than six (6) offenses within the period of one (1) year may be designated by the Town Manager to be a habitual offender. Habitual offenders may be issued a civil citation to District Court and be subject to a fine up to \$250.00 if adjudicated to have committed the offense alleged.

**SECTION 15: EMERGENCY REMOVAL**

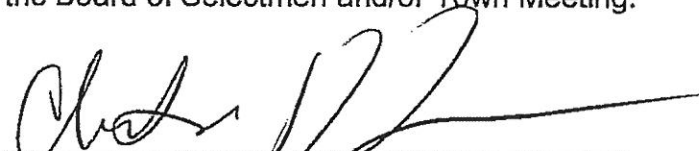
The Town Manager or his or her designee may cause the removal, at the owner's expense, of any motor vehicle in violation of this ordinance which is posing an immediate threat to public safety.

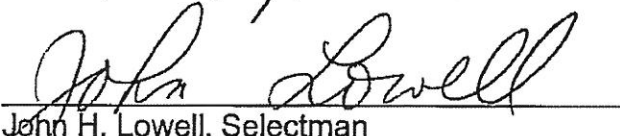
**SECTION 16: ENACTMENT**

This Ordinance is enacted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.

**SECTION 17: REPEAL**

This Ordinance repeals any and all parking related ordinances previously enacted by the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Meeting.

  
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