

6-1 Parking Ordinance

Section 1. Definitions

- a. Highway: Includes any public road or highway, street, avenue, alley, driveway, parkway, or any other place under the control of the Town of Stafford or the State of Connecticut, dedicated, appropriated or opened to public travel or other use.
- b. Motor Vehicle: Any vehicle propelled or drawn by a non-muscular power, except aircraft, motor boats, road rollers, baggage trucks used about railroad stations or other mass transit facilities, electric battery-operated wheel chairs when operated by physically handicapped persons at speeds less than 15 MPH, golf carts operated on highways solely for the purpose of crossing from one part of the golf course to another, golf cart type vehicles operated on roads or highways on the grounds of State institutions by State employees, agricultural tractors, farm implements, such vehicles as run only on rails or tracks, self propelled snow plows, snow blowers and lawn mowers, when used for the purposes for which they were designed and operated at speeds not exceeding four miles per hour, whether or not the operator rides on or walks behind such equipment, or bicycles with helper motors as defined by Connecticut General Statute 14-286, special mobile equipment as defined in subsection (l) of section 14-165 and any other vehicle not suitable for operation on a highway.
- c. Owner: Any person holding title to a motor vehicle, or having the legal right to register the same, including purchasers under conditional bills of sale.
- d. Parked Vehicle: A motor vehicle in a stationary position within the limits of a public highway.
- e. Road: See Highway.
- f. Shoulder: That portion of a highway immediately adjacent and contiguous to the travel lanes or main traveled portion of the roadway.
- g. Traffic Authority: The Board of Selectmen.
- h. Vehicle: Includes any device suitable for conveyance, drawing or other transportation of persons or property, whether operated on wheels, runners, a cushion of air or by any other means. The term does not include devices propelled or drawn by human power or devices used exclusively on tracks.

Section 2. Parking Time Limits

- 2.1 East Main Street Parking (North Side): Parking on the north side of East Main Street from its junction with Furnace Avenue on the west to its junction with Willington

Avenue on the east will be for a period of no more than two hours.

2.2 East Main Street Parking (South Side): Parking on the south side of East Main Street from Haymarket Square on the west to it's junction with Wellington Avenue on the East will be for a period of no more than two hours.

2.3 Main Street Parking (North Side): Parking on the north side of Main Street from the intersection of East Main Street on the east to its intersection with Church Street on the west will be for a period of no more than two hours. Parking may be for a lesser period at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

2.4 Main Street Parking (South Side): Parking on the south side of Main Street from the intersection of East Main Street on the east to the intersection of Spring Street on the West will be for a period no longer than two hours and parking on south side of Main Street from the intersection of Spring Street on the east to West Main Street on the West will be for a period no longer than two hours. Parking may be for a lesser period at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

2.5 Parking Hours: The limited two hour parking specified in Sections 2.1 through 2.4, shall be in effect Monday through Friday from 4:30 A.M. through 6:00 P.M. Unlimited parking will be in effect from 6:00 P.M. through 4:30 A.M. each Monday through Friday, and also from 9:00 P.M. on Friday through 4:30 A.M. on Monday.

2.6 Parking Bans: Parking bans may be instituted as deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 3. Warren Memorial Town Hall Parking

No person shall park a motor vehicle in the parking lot adjacent to the Warren Memorial Town Hall, from Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., except for the purposes of employment in the Warren Memorial Town Hall or conducting business in the Warren Memorial Town Hall.

Section 4. Parking During Periods of Snow Removal

Parking on any highway within the boundaries of the Town of Stafford during any period when it is snowing or freezing rain, or so as to interfere with or hamper the removal of snow or ice, shall be prohibited.

Section 5. Violations

5.1 Category 1 Violations.

- a. Parking on Sidewalk: No vehicle shall be parked with any wheels or portion thereof on any sidewalk.

- b. Wrong Side of Street: No vehicle shall be parked facing in an opposite direction to the flow of traffic. Vehicles shall be parked to the far right of the travel portion of the highway, facing the same direction as the flow of traffic.
- c. Parking on Crosswalk: No vehicle shall be parked on or within 5' of any marked crosswalk.
- d. Curbside Parking: Any vehicle parked adjacent to any section of curbed highway, shall be parked so that it's right side tires are within 12" of the curb.
- e. Blocking Driveway: No vehicle shall be parked so as to block or partially block any public, residential, or commercial or business driveway.
- f. Double Parking: No vehicle shall be double parked or parked in such a manner as to impede the flow of traffic.
- g. Yellow Curb: No vehicle shall park adjacent to a yellow painted curb as marked by the order of the Board of Selectmen.
- h. Posted Signs: No vehicle shall be parked in violation of any traffic control sign or no parking sign erected by the State Traffic Commission or the Board of Selectmen.
- i. Warren Memorial Town Hall Parking: In violation of Section 3 above.
- j. Parking During Periods of Snow Removal: In violation of Section 4 above.

5.2 Category 2 Violations

- a. Fire Lanes: No vehicle shall be parked in a fire lane as designated and marked by the Board of Selectmen or the State Traffic Commission. Such designation shall be by posted sign and/or markings on the curb or pavement.
- b. Fire Hydrant: No vehicle shall be parked within 10' of any fire hydrant.
- c. Stop Sign or Intersection: No vehicle shall be parked within 25' of a stop sign erected either by the State Traffic Commission or the Board of Selectmen or within 25' of any intersection.
- d. Parking on Hill or Curve: No vehicle shall be parked at any curve or hill where a clear view of such vehicle is not possible at a distance of 150', or otherwise parked so as to be a hazard.

5.3 Category 3 Violations

- a. Handicapped Zone: No vehicle shall be parked in any area designated as an area restricted to handicapped, blind, or otherwise disabled persons (including “disabled veterans”) unless such vehicle displays a valid placard, hang tag, or marker plate issued pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 14-253a. Such restricted zones shall be identified through signs, markings on the pavement or curb, or both.

Section 6. Fines

6.1 Category 1 Violations: \$25.00.

6.2 Category 2 Violations: \$35.00.

6.3 Category 3 Violations: \$50.00.

6.4 Multiple Violations: In the event of multiple violations, the illegally parked vehicle may be cited for all violations resulting in an aggregate fine greater than for any single violation or category.

Section 7. Vehicle Towing

The First Selectman reserves the right to tow any vehicle, at the owner’s expense, which is parked in violation of any provision of this ordinance, in addition to any fines imposed.

Section 8. Owner Responsible for Illegally Parked Vehicle

The owner of any vehicle parked in violation of any section of this ordinance shall be responsible for any fines imposed.

Section 9. Validity

Should any section of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof.

Section 10. Supercedence

This ordinance shall supercede all preexisting ordinances pertaining to parking.

ADOPTED: July 16, 1999