



Town of North Hampton New Hampshire

Parking Ordinance revised and updated July 11, 2011

All Parking Ordinances herein are created and enforced under the authority given to Villages and Towns under RSA 41:11, RSA 231:132-a, RSA 265:69, RSA 265:70, and RSA 231:114.

- 1) **Leased parking Spaces-** This Ordinance regulates parking at certain parking spaces leased to the Town of North Hampton by the State of New Hampshire at the North Hampton State Park.
 - a) It shall be unlawful for any person having the custody or control of any motor vehicle, to park, or cause to be parked at any of the above mentioned parking spaces where signs have been posted restricting such parking, unless a North Hampton Beach Parking Permit is permanently attached to the driver side rear window of the vehicle.
 - b) Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance may be issued a parking ticket payable to the Town of North Hampton, the fine payable to be \$100.00.
 - c) The Chief of Police or any Sworn Officer of the North Hampton Police Department may also cause any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance, to be towed at the expense of the owner.
- 2) **State Beach Parking Area-** In accordance with RSA 231:132-a and RSA 236:1, the section of the Route 1-A parking area in the Town of North Hampton, New Hampshire, beginning at a point on the easterly side of Route 1-A approximately 1300 feet north of the Hampton town line, and a subsequent distance approximately 800 feet to the end of the State Beach Parking Area on Route 1-A is hereby restricted and within the area so described the parking of vehicles of any type is prohibited between the hours of 1:00 am and 7:00 am, with the exception of those who are parked in that designated area to fish and or lobster.
 - a) **Winter Parking-** This Ordinance regulates parking on all Town and State Roads or Ways used by the public in North It shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any motor vehicle, to park or allow to be parked along any public highway, in any municipal parking lot, or in any town park, so that said vehicle interferes with snow plowing and/or snow removal.
 - b) It shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any motor vehicle, to park or allow to be parked along any public highway, in any municipal parking lot, or in any town park, during any snow event where a "Snow Emergency" has been declared by the Director of Public Works and the Chief of Police.

- c) In the event of a "Snow Emergency" being declared during a snow storm event requiring plowing by the Director of Public Works and the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee, the Chief of Police or their designee shall contact at least two media outlets to notify the public that such a parking regulation exists. The regulation shall specify the start of the Snow Emergency and then the Snow Emergency Parking regulation will end.
 - d) Any person in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance may be issued a parking ticket payable to the town of North Hampton, said ticket not to exceed \$100.00. When deemed necessary, the Chief of Police or any other Sworn Officer may order any vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance to be towed and stored at the Owner's expense.
- 3) **Yard Sale Parking-** Any person issued a Yard Sale Permit by the Chief of Police shall be responsible for ensuring that the parking of vehicles does not create a safety hazard for customers of the sale or any other citizen. The Police Department shall be responsible for making the determination if such safety problems exist, or are likely to arise and shall make recommendations with regard thereto.
 - a) Failure to obtain a permit may result in the closing of a yard sale by the North Hampton Police Department, and any person holding the unauthorized sale may be subject to a fine up to \$100.00.
 - b) Failure to comply with, or maintain the recommendations of the police department relative to parking and/or safety conditions may result in revocation of the permit, closing of the sale, and the person holding the sale may be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00. When deemed necessary, the Chief of Police or any other Sworn Officer may order any vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance to be towed and stored at the Owner's expense.
- 4) **Regulations of the Public Beaches and Recreation Areas-** Motor vehicles of any kind are not allowed on any beach in the Town of North Hampton.
 - a) Motor vehicles of any type shall not be operated on public beaches or in any Recreation Area in the town of North Hampton.
 - b) Beaches shall be open for public use daily from one-half hour before sunrise until 1:00 a.m. and shall not be open any other time, except in cases of emergency and to persons going thereon to fish or lobster, or for the protection of property.
 - c) Any person in violation of this ordinance may be evicted from the beach, and may be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00. When deemed necessary, the Chief of Police or any other Sworn Officer may order any vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance to be towed and stored at the Owner's expense.
- 5) **Regulation of Town Parks, Town Gardens, and Conservation Areas-** Any location described in this section, that has been posted with this regulation shall be subject to the following regulations.


- a) Any person having the custody or control of any motor vehicle shall not park said vehicle in any Town Park, Town Garden, or Conservation area between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am, unless they have made previous arrangements through the North Hampton Select Board or the Chief of Police.
 - b) Dearborn Park, the North Hampton Band Common, and the North Hampton Gardens on Exeter Road are examples of the areas regulated by this ordinance, but this in no manner limits other areas from being included as long as they are posted pursuant this ordinance.
 - c) Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00. When deemed necessary, the Chief of Police or any other Sworn Officer may order any vehicle parked in or this Ordinance to be towed and stored at the Owner's expense.
- 6) **Overnight parking-** It shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any motor vehicle, to park or cause the same to be parked on any public street or highway in the Town of North Hampton between the hours of 9:00 pm and 7:00 am from November 15th through March 15th.
- a) Any person violating the provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00. When deemed necessary, the Chief of Police or any other Sworn Officer may order any vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance to be towed and stored at the Owner's expense.
- 7) **Posted Parking-**It shall be unlawful for any person having the custody or control of any motor vehicle, to park or cause the same to be parked on any public way in the town of North Hampton where signs have been posted restricting such parking.
- a) Any person violating the provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00. Any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance may also be towed at the request of the police department, at the expense of the owner of said vehicle.
- 8) **Handicap Parking-**It shall be unlawful to park in any parking place, whether on public or private property, where it is stated that the space is reserved for a person with a walking disability or displaying the international accessibility symbol, unless that person has a special plate or placard issued or recognized pursuant to RSA 261:86 or RSA 261:88, and the person who qualifies for the plate or placard is being transported to or from the parking place.
- a) Any person or persons in charge of any vehicle who violates the provisions of this ordinance, the fine payable will be \$100.00.
 - b) Testimony under oath with clear photographic evidence from a person with a walking disability pursuant to RSA 261:86 or RSA 261:88 or the driver of a vehicle transporting such a person that a vehicle that does not display a special plate or placard issued or recognized pursuant to RSA 261:86 or RSA 261:88 was parked in a designated parking space for persons with a walking disability or any vehicle parked in or overlapping into an access aisle shall be

sufficient evidence to prove that the owner of the vehicle has violated the provisions of this ordinance, unless such evidence is rebutted or contradicted.

- 9) Parking on Sidewalks Prohibited-Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the direction of a police officer or traffic control device, no person except a person driving an emergency vehicle shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle on a sidewalk in the Town of North Hampton.
- a) Any person violating the provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00. When deemed necessary, the Chief of Police or any other Sworn Officer may order any vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance to be towed and stored at the Owner's expense.
- 10) **Accelerated fine schedule**-Any fine issued for the violation of any provision of the above ordinances will be increased by twenty percent (20%) if not paid within 3 days of its issuance. Furthermore, any fine not paid within 30 days of issuance may result in a summons to district court for said town ordinance violation, and any accelerated fine will be increased by fifty percent (50%).

North Hampton Select Board


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