

PLYMOUTH TRAFFIC AND PARKING ORDINANCE OF 1988
AS AMENDED ON JULY 1, 2000, March 29, 2004, June 12, 2006,
November 27, 2006

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH AS FOLLOWS:

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH TRAFFIC AND PARKING ORDINANCE OF 1988, as adopted by the Town of Plymouth.

A. PREAMBLE:

1. This Ordinance shall be captioned "Plymouth Traffic and Parking Ordinance of 1988" and shall take effect on its adoption by the Town.
2. In addition to any other remedy established by law, the Selectmen 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 hereof all their costs, including attorney's fees, in connection with such enforcement, to the extent allowed by said Court.
3. If any word, term, phrase, sentence or clause of this ordinance is found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or any other agency, such finding shall not affect the validity of any other word, term, phrase, sentence, or clause of this ordinance.

B. DEFINITIONS: Wherever in this ordinance the following terms are used, they have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section.

1. **Street or Highway:** Every way or places, of whatever nature, open to the use of the public as a matter or right, for the purpose of vehicular travel.
2. **Roadway:** That portion of a street or highway between the regularly established curb lines or that part improved and intended to be used for vehicular travel.
3. **Sidewalk:** That portion of a street between the curb lines and the adjacent property lines.
4. **Crosswalk:** That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection or curb and property lines at intersections, or any other portion of a roadway clearly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines, distinctive materials or other markings on the surface or appropriate signs.

5. **Vehicle:** Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway.
6. **Public way or highway:** The entire width between the boundary lines of any public highway, street, avenue, road, alley, park or parkway, or any private way laid out under authority of statute, or any such way provided and maintained by a public institution to which state funds are appropriated for public use, or any such way which has been used for public travel thereon, other than to and from a toll bridge or ferry, for 20 years, or any public or private parking lot which is maintained primarily for the benefit of paying customers.
7. **Motor Vehicle:** Every vehicle, as defined in RSA 259:60.
8. **Pedestrian:** Any person afoot.
9. **Traffic:** Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, and other conveyances either singly or together while using any street for purposes of travel.
10. **Parking:** The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a roadway, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in the obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals.
11. **Official Traffic Signs:** All signs, markings and devices, other than signals, not inconsistent with this ordinance, placed or erected by authority of a public body or Chief of Police, for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning or regulating traffic.
12. **Police Officer:** Every officer of the Town or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.
13. **Core Area:** The public parking spaces located on Main Street between Merrill Street and Warren Street and the Parking Spaces on Highland Street located between Main Street and Langdon Street.

C. STOP INTERSECTIONS: At any intersection where an official stop sign has been erected, by the Town of Plymouth or State of New Hampshire all vehicles shall come to a complete stop and shall yield the right of way to other vehicles within the intersection or approaching so closely thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.

D. AUTHORITY OF POLICE:

1. **Police to Direct Traffic:** In the event of a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police or Fire Departments may direct traffic as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance.
2. **Obedience to Police:** It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a Police Officer or a Firefighter, Pursuant to NH RSA 154:7, at the scene of a fire.
3. The Police Department shall have the authority to tow any vehicle that they find in violation of this ordinance at the owner's expense.
4. The Police Department shall have the authority to place an immobilizing device upon a car found in violation of this ordinance and meeting the strict guidelines as set up in the Town of Plymouth Police Department's Rules and Regulations concerning auto immobilizing devices or boot. An administrative fee of \$65.00 dollars shall be charged and collected prior to the boot being removed from a vehicle. All parking fines shall also be paid in full prior to the removal of the parking boot.
5. It shall be the duty of the Plymouth Police Department or its designee to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

E. TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS:

1. **Obedience to Traffic Signs and Signals:** It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to disobey the instructions of any official traffic signs or signals placed in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.
2. **Interference with Signs & Signals Prohibited:** It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully deface, injure, move, obstruct, or interfere with any official street name sign, traffic sign or signal.

F. STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING:

1. **Stopping Prohibited in Specific Places:** It shall be unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to stop, stand, or park such vehicle in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a Police Officer:

- a. Within an intersection, or within fifteen (15) feet of any intersection, unless otherwise marked.
- b. On a crosswalk.
- c. Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
- d. In front of a private driveway.
- e. On a sidewalk.
- f. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.
- g. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
- h. At any place where official traffic signs have been erected prohibiting standing, parking and/or loading or unloading.
- i. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to commercial vehicles loading or unloading. The Police Department, however, shall have authority, if they deem it necessary, to permit commercial vehicles a period of twenty (20) minutes in which to load or unload whereby the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply.
- j. Park vehicles with right side wheels closest to the curb, except on the Easterly side of the common.
- k. Merrill Street Extension is a no loading or unloading zone as posted, per N.H.R.S.A. 47:17 VII (passed and approved March 18, 1985).
- l. Pursuant to RSA 265:70, there shall be no set back between parking spaces and crosswalks, in the compact part of Town.
- m. The Town of Plymouth adopts the provisions of RSA 231:130-a Notification of Unpaid Fines

G. *PARKING METERS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE THEREOF:*

- 1. The Selectman or their designee(s) are hereby authorized to install parking meters on any Town Street after a properly posted public hearing.

2. The Selectmen, or their designee, shall provide for installation of meters, including curb or street marking lines, regulation and operation thereof, and shall cause said meters to be maintained in good workable condition. Meters shall be placed visible and proximate to individual parking places unless not practical, then as close as possible. Meters shall be so constructed as to display a signal showing legal parking upon deposit therein of the proper coin, or instructions on said meter, and for a period of time conforming to the parking limits of the Town of Plymouth. Said signal to remain in evidence until expiration of said parking period, so designated at which time a change of signal or some other mechanical operation shall indicate expiration of said parking period. *It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to remain parked in any one space, in the core area, for more than two (2) consecutive hours except in those meter spaces that are designated as more than two (2) hour parking.* Parking meters hours of operation will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with no enforcement on Sundays and Holidays. The Board of Selectmen, Chief of Police or a designee may suspend parking regulations at any time, to accommodate functions or during times of emergency, road construction or licensed events.
3. When any vehicle shall be parked next to a parking meter, the owner or operator of said vehicle shall park within the area designated by the curb or street-marking lines as indicated for parallel or diagonal parking. Upon entering said parking space the owner or operator, shall immediately deposit in said meter one or more five cent coins, ten cent coins, or twenty-five cent coins, of the United States, as indicated by instructions on said meter. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to park within said designated area, or fail or neglect to deposit the proper coin, or coins. Said parking space may be used by such vehicle during the legal parking limit provided by this ordinance of the Town of Plymouth. Said vehicle shall be considered as unlawfully parked if it remains in said space beyond the legal parking limit and/or when said parking meter displays a signal showing such illegal parking. In all diagonal parking zones, vehicles shall be parked facing the meter; and in all parallel parking zones, vehicles shall park with the front or back (in double headed poles) wheel closest with the meter post. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle registered in his name to be unlawfully parked as set out in this section.
4. It shall be unlawful to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device, or a metallic substitute for a coin of the United States.
5. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to tamper with, open, willfully break or destroy any parking meter

6. It shall be the duty of the Police Department, when a parking meter indicates a violation of the parking provisions of this Ordinance, to attach to each vehicle violating the provisions of the Ordinance a notice to the owner or operator thereof, that such vehicle had been parked in violation of this Ordinance and instructing such owner or operator to pay the fine indicated in accordance with the instructions on the actual ticket or its envelope.

7. Any person who shall violate or assist in violating G (4) & G (5) of this Ordinance shall upon conviction be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) and prosecution costs.

H. NO PARKING AREAS:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>NO PARKING AREA</u>	<u>SIDE OF STREET</u>			
		N	S	E	W
Armory	Entire-North End to Tobey			E	W
Avery	Entire-Highland to Pleasant			E	W
Batchelder	Entire-Merrill to Buckland Ave.			E	
Bayley Ave	Entire-North End to Merrill			E	W
Bridge	Entire-Bridge to Main St.		N		S
Broadway	Entire-Highland to Pleasant			E	
Buckland Ave.	Entire-Randolph to Batchelder			S	
Chase St.	Entire-Main to Parking Lot		N		S
Cooper	Entire-Highland to Hawthorne			E	
Court Street	Entire-Main to cul-de-sac			N	
	Town Hall to cul-de-sac,			S	
	<u>Mon.-Fri., 7AM to 5PM,</u> <u>except with a valid</u> <u>Town Hall permit.</u>				
Crawford	Entire-Main to Russell		N		S

Cummings	Langdon to Avery Street N S Mon.-Fri., 8AM to 5PM, Except with valid Town of Plymouth Resident Only Permit, Holidays excluded.
Edmunds Ct.	Entire-Langdon to West EndN S
Emerson	Entire-Merrill to HighlandE Entire-Merrill to Highland, Mon.-Fri. 8 AM to 5 PM except with valid permitW Holidays excluded.
Garland	Entire-Keeble to LangdonS
Gould Terrace	Entire-Russell Street to endN S
Green	Entire-Bridge to Highway GarageW Except where designated
Hawthorne	Entire-Avery to Broadway S
High	Highland Ave pedestrian way to Main StreetN S Highland Ave pedestrian way to Langdon Street.....N Langdon Street to Emerson Street, except with a valid Town Resident Only Parking Permit.....N S
Highland St.	16 Highland St. to 34 Highland St, except where designated by parking meters..... N Boyd Hall Driveway to Langdon S Langdon to Tenney Mtn. Hwy N S
Hilltop Drive	Entire-Maple to End N S
Keeble	Entire-Pleasant to WentworthE
Langdon	Entire-Merrill to HighlandW E Except where parking Meters are provided Highland to PleasantW E except where parking meters are provided
Langdon Park Rd.	Entire-North End to Merrill E W

Main	Entire-unless designated parking spaceE W
Maple Street	Entire-Broadway to EndS
Merrill	Main to LangdonN S except where parking meters are provided 70 feet west of Bailey Ave.N Langdon to West End. Mon-Fri. 8 AM to 5 PM, except with a valid permit. Holidays excluded N S
Merrill St. Ext.	Entire-Merrill to H.S. PropertyN S
Old North Main	Entire-North End to South EndE W
Old Ward Bridge Rd.	Entire-North End to HighlandE W
Pearl	Entire-Main to WeeksN S (stopping and standing permitted to unload passengers)
Pleasant	Entire-Russell to EndS Entire-Russell to EndN (to include corner of Russell) Mon.-Fri., 8 AM to 5 PM, except with valid permit. Holidays excluded
Randolph	Entire-Merrill to BatchelderE
Rogers	Entire-Langdon to EmersonS Entire-Langdon to Emerson, Mon.-Fri., 8 AM to 5 PM, Except with valid permit. Holidays excludedN
Russell	Entire-Highland to WarrenE No parking on the West side ofW Russell Street from Highland to Pleasant Street, except for the area from the driveway of 4 Russell Street south, to an area, one parking space, south of the driveway of 8 Russell Street
School	Entire-Pedestrian Way toS Langdon. Entire-Pedestrian

Way to Langdon, Mon.-Fri., 8 AM to 5 PM, except with valid permit. Holidays excluded

Silver Lane	Entire-Randolph to Batchelder.....S
Texas Hill Road	From junction of Langdon toN S 200 yds. west of Fox Pond
Tobey	Entire-Main to West EndN S
Warren	Entire-Main to IntersectionN S of Langdon, Texas Hill and ThurLOW
Webster	Entire-East End to RussellN S
Weeks	Entire-Tobey Rd. to PearlE W
Wentworth	Entire-Winter to LangdonS
Winter	Pleasant to WentworthE Wentworth to WarrenE W

I. PENALTIES:

- The following penalties shall be assessed for the following parking violations:

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FINE AMOUNT</u>
1) 30 Minute free parking space:	\$ 10.00
2) 2 Hour metered parking space:	\$ 15.00
3) 2 Hour free parking space:	\$ 15.00
4) 8 Hour metered parking space:	\$ 25.00
5) 30 Minute metered parking space:	\$ 15.00
6) Town Hall employee parking only:	\$ 75.00
7) Handicapped parking space:	\$ 100.00
8) Parked on sidewalk:	\$ 25.00
9) Parking on crosswalk:	\$ 25.00
10) Parking in front of fire hydrant or in a fire lane or within 15 feet:	\$ 25.00
11) Overnight parking from Sept. 1 st - June 1 st :	\$ 40.00
12) Resident permit parking only:	\$ 25.00
13) Parked within an intersection or within	

15 feet of intersection:	\$ 15.00
14) Blocking driveway:	\$ 20.00
15) No Parking Zone:	\$ 20.00
16) Parked facing traffic – wrong side of road:	\$ 10.00
17) All other violations not specifically covered:	\$ 25.00
18) Boot removal Fee	\$ 65.00

** All tickets will be assessed a \$30.00 fee after 7 days if payment of ticket is not made.

J. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

1. No person shall open a door of a vehicle on the side where traffic is approaching unless it can be done without interfering with moving traffic or pedestrians and with safety to themselves or passengers.
2. All vehicles approaching the Town Common from any direction shall proceed in a counterclockwise direction at all times, forming the so called rotary traffic around the Town Common, to the place of parking or the place of exit, and no vehicle shall travel Northerly on the Westerly side of said Town Common, nor shall any vehicle travel Southerly on the Easterly side of the Town Common.
3. It shall be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle in a Westerly direction in the alley known as Chase Street.
4. Thru trucking shall be prohibited on Highland Street between Tenney Mountain Highway and Main Street.
5. The two designated vendor spots on Main Street in front of the Town Hall, if occupied by a duly Town licensed vendor, shall be exempt from the two hour continuous parking violation clause of this Ordinance. Vendors occupying these spots may remain in the spot for more than two continuous hours, provided the vendor has a valid permit.
6. The area on Highland Street from Avery Street to River Ridge Road shall be designated a School Zone.
7. The alleyway on the Westerly side of the Senior Center (old RR Station), shall have one-way direction of traffic in a northerly direction.
8. The Selectmen of the Town of Plymouth may temporarily at their discretion remove, replace, change, or add any signage that regulates the flow of traffic, or change any parking regulation, parking meter placement to include the fee, fine or time schedule on any public street.

9. The alleyway on the Easterly side on Main Street, north of 17 Main Street shall have one-way direction of traffic in a easterly direction
10. Pursuant to NH RSA 265:74, free parking shall be granted to those vehicles that display the official handicap placard or license plate. Time limits for handicap parking shall be 1 hour in excess of the regular time limits that are set for parking, according to the recommendation of the Governor's Commission on Disability.
11. Pursuant to NH RSA 265:63, II the maximum prima facie speed permitted on any street within the Town of Plymouth shall be 25 mph, unless otherwise determined by speed limit signs.

K. OVERNIGHT PARKING:

1. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on either side of any street or Municipal Parking lot in the Town of Plymouth between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 6:00 AM, between September 1 and June 1 of any year.

L. SNOW REMOVAL:

1. No person shall park any vehicle on a public way or sidewalk within the Town of Plymouth in such a way as to hinder the removal of snow from the streets of Plymouth by the Town of Plymouth.
2. The Manager of the Highway Department may authorize a snow removal-parking ban. Broadcasting of the ban shall be in the following manner:
 - a. notification of local radio stations and television;
 - b. notification of the community access channel and requesting broadcast;
 - c. broadcasting of the ban over all town owned radio frequencies.
3. Subsequent to the snow removal parking ban, all motor vehicles found in violation of L (1) may be towed by the Plymouth Police Department at the owner's expense.
4. No person shall put, throw, cast, place, track, spill, deposit, eject onto or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any town maintained road, alley, parking lot, highway, public right of way, sidewalk or state maintained portion of any highway for any purpose. No person shall throw any snow, ice or debris across aforementioned ways.

5. No person shall pile or allow to be piled or allow to be piled on their property any snow, ice or any other debris in such a manor that it will block or impair the view of any driver of any vehicle while driving on any public way within the Town of Plymouth.
6. Violators of the provision of this section shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person, or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person.
7. The provisions of this section shall not apply to snow removal operations of any municipal or State government, Village District, public utility or other public institution.

Passed and approved as amended on November 27 2006

Timothy M. Naro, Chairman

Wallace Cushing, III Vice Chairman,

Patrice M. Scott, Selectman

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