



# TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NH

## PARKING ORDINANCE

Pursuant to the authority conferred under the provisions of NH RSA 41:11, NH RSA 47:17 VII, and NH RSA 47:17 VIII, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Grantham enact the following ordinance regulating parking with the Town of Grantham.

*Section 1* It shall be unlawful for the owner and/or operator of a vehicle to stop, stand, or park such vehicle in any of the following places as described below. There is an exception to the regulations when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or to comply with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control device. A person driving an emergency vehicle may violate any of the following regulations during an emergency.

*Section 1A* No vehicle shall be parked so as to restrict the portion of the road available for through traffic to 16 feet or less road width, except in areas marked for parking as authorized by the Town of Grantham. No parking areas will also include those designated by the Grantham Zoning Regulations.

*Section 2* It shall be unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to stop, stand or park such vehicle at any place where official traffic signs have been erected or marked, prohibiting standing and parking.

*Section 2A* A violator of any provision of this ordinance shall be issued a Town of Grantham Ordinance ticket. The penalty shall be \$25.00 for a single vehicle and \$50.00 for a vehicle and trailer combination for the first offense, \$50.00 and \$75.00 for the second and third offense, and \$100.00 and \$150.00 for the fourth and any subsequent offenses. Parking in an area designated for handicapped parking shall be enforced in accordance with NH RSA 265:69(I)(j). Parking in a Handicapped Access Aisle shall be enforced in accordance with NH RSA 265:69(I)(m).

Parking Ordinance violation penalties shall be paid at the Grantham Police Department during normal business hours. Anyone paying such a fine shall, upon request, be issued a receipt.

*Section 2B* The penalty in Section 2A shall be paid within 72 hours of the time when such notice of violation was attached to such vehicle or issued to the operator of the vehicle.

- Section 2C* No automobile or other vehicle shall be parked in a Town Parking Lot or on Town-owned lands for more than 24 hours. No unregistered vehicles or abandoned vehicles will be allowed. Such a vehicle may be towed at owner's expense and/or the violator may also be subject to enforcement action under NH RSA 262:40-c(I) and or NH RSA 261:40
- Section 2D* Any person who shall fail to report within 72 hours and pay the penalty prescribed by Section 2A thereof or shall violate any other provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to an administrative fee of \$25.00. This administrative fee is not applicable to any tickets or summons' issued because of a violation of the aforementioned NH RSA's.
- Section 3* Automobiles or other vehicles that are parked, left standing, or are abandoned anywhere that causes a hazard, or creates a threat to the free flow of traffic, or the safety of others, or which is parked in violation of this ordinance for a fourth or subsequent offense in the same area within three (3) months, may be ordered towed to a garage whereupon the owner or operator shall pay the tow charge before being allowed to move such vehicle from said garage, and that the Town or Police Department shall not be liable for tow charges or damages which might occur.
- Section 4* No automobile or other vehicle shall be parked between the hours of 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 7:30 a.m. on any of the streets or ways within the Town of Grantham from November 1 to May 1 in any year, or such vehicle shall be towed away at the expense of the owner of such vehicle. And/or the violator shall be issued a Town of Grantham Ordinance ticket, and the penalty shall be the same as in Section 2A and 2D.
- Section 5* If any provisions of this ordinance herein acted, or the application of such provision to any person, body or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of the provisions, or the application of such provisions to persons, bodies, or circumstances other than those as to which it shall have been held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.
- Section 6* This ordinance shall not apply to the driver of any vehicle which is disabled to such an extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving such disabled vehicle.
- Section 7* In such a case of large gatherings of private, public, or social events that necessitates parking of a number of vehicles on traveled roads, the Police Department shall be notified as of time and place, and one or more police officers shall be on duty to regulate and control traffic and persons requiring such police officers shall be billed for time officers are needed.

*Section 8*

The Board of Selectmen and/or the Grantham Police Department may enact Special parking restrictions due to emergencies or other special events. These restrictions would be limited to any Town owned property or any non-private roadway. These restrictions may include either temporary limitations on the amount of time (minutes/hours) a vehicle can be parked in a specific location(s) or areas where vehicles can park.

Information concerning any such restriction(s) shall be posted at least 48 hours prior to their enactment unless such circumstances do not allow for this. This information shall include the location(s) of the restriction(s), and in the case of a time limitation, the amount of time a vehicle may be parked at the location(s). Violations of such restrictions shall be subject to penalties described in Section 2A and 2D. At the discretion of a Grantham Police Officer, a vehicle in violation of this section may be towed at the owner's expense.

*Section 9*

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved by Grantham Board of Selectmen on* 9/4/24

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