

## **TOWN OF PITTSFIELD, N.H. TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDINANCE**

Pursuant to NH RSA 41:11, 47:17, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to enact ordinances governing the use of public ways and traffic devices and signals, the following Ordinance is adopted by the Pittsfield Board of Selectmen. This Ordinance repeals and replaces the 2004 Traffic Control Ordinance and any subsequent amendments thereto and also incorporates the Obstructing Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance adopted on January 13, 2009 into this Ordinance.

### **Section 1. Purpose**

To establish standards for the control of traffic to promote an environment of safety for both vehicle and pedestrian travel.

### **Section 2. Definitions**

The following words and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings:

**Curb:** the lateral boundaries of that portion of street designated for the use of vehicles, whether marked by curbstones or not so marked

**Loiter:** to sit, stand, loaf, lounge, wander, or stroll in an aimless manner, or to stop, pause, or remain in an area for no obvious reason

**Nuisance:** unnecessary conduct which may tend to annoy, intimidate, threaten, or otherwise disturb another in or about any public road, sidewalk, bridge, or public grounds

**Obstruct:** to interfere with unobstructed travel by any means including, but not limited to, standing on the part of the sidewalk that is fit for travel, or placing any object or vehicle whatsoever on such sidewalk

**Park or Parking:** the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, attended or unattended, upon a street, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while expeditiously taking or leaving passengers, or loading and unloading merchandise, than in readiness for immediate delivery

**Road or Street:** every way or place of whatever nature open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular travel

**Roadway:** means that portion of a road between the regularly established curb lines or that part improved and intended to be used for vehicular travel

**Sidewalk:** Any sidewalk owned or maintained by the Town of Pittsfield. The term shall not include sidewalks or walkways on private property in shopping centers, apartment complexes, office building sites, or any other private property

**Standing:** Any stopping of a vehicle, whether occupied or not

**Stop or Stopping:** When prohibited, means any stopping of a vehicle when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control sign or signal

**Traffic:** pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, and other conveyances whether singularly or together, while using any road for purposes of travel

**Trash:** Debris, rubbish, garbage, or any material that would meet the description of the same under NH RSA 149-M

### **Section 3. Parking Regulations**

#### **A. Illegal parking**

##### **1. Owner responsibility for illegal parking**

No person shall allow, permit, or suffer any vehicle registered in their name to stand or park in any street in the Town in violation of any of the Ordinances, or parts thereof, of the Town regulating the standing or parking of vehicles.

##### **2. Towing**

Any vehicle that is standing or parked in violation of any of the Ordinances, or parts thereof, of the Town that regulate the standing or parking of vehicles may be towed at the owner's or operator's expense.

#### **B. Standing or parking close to curb**

##### **1. Parallel parking**

No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel to, and as near as possible to, the right curb or edge of the street, headed in the direction of traffic, except as provided in the following paragraphs.

##### **2. Head-in parking**

Upon those streets which have been marked or signed for parking at an angle of 45 degrees, vehicles shall be parked, headed in to the curb, with the right front wheels at the curb and at an angle of 45 degrees to the curb.

#### **C. All night parking prohibited**

No vehicle shall be parked on any road in the Town of Pittsfield between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. from every November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

To accommodate Pittsfield businesses that may be open after 10:00 p.m., the parking ban may be relaxed until midnight only for the vehicles operated by the patrons and employees of the businesses.

#### **D. Parking limited to designated places**

##### **1. 2 hour limited parking**

When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no vehicle shall be parked over 2 hours at any time between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of any day, Sundays and holidays excluded, within the following areas:

- a) Main Street (east side, even numbered) from Water Street to Park Terrace
- b) Main Street (west side, odd numbered) from the intersection of Elm Street to Josiah Carpenter Library
- c) Carroll Street (both sides) from Main Street to Depot Street
- d) Depot Street (both sides) from Carroll Street to Elm Street
- e) Elm Street (both sides) from Depot Street to Main Street
- f) Fayette Street (both sides) from Depot Street to Bridge Street

##### **2. 30 minute limited parking**

When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no vehicle shall be parked over 30 minutes at any time, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day, Sundays and holidays excluded, within the following areas:

- a) Carroll Street (east side, even numbered) from Depot Street to Drake's Field

##### **3. 20 minute limited parking**

When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no vehicle shall be parked over 20 minutes at any time, on any day, within the following areas:

- a) Main Street - the three parking spots in front of the Police Department

#### **E. Restricted parking**

##### **1. Berry Avenue**

No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Berry Avenue

##### **2. Bridge Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on the north (odd numbered) side of Bridge Street from River Road to Fayette Street or on the south (even numbered) side of Bridge Street from River Road to within 50 feet of the east end of the bridge

##### **3. Broadway**

No parking between the signs on the east (even numbered side) of Broadway from Main Street to Cram Avenue

##### **4. Carroll Street**

No vehicle shall be parked between the signs on the east (odd numbered) side of Carroll Street from the Drake's Field entrance, headed north (towards Barnstead Road) a distance of 150 feet, this area is designated for emergency vehicles only

##### **5. Chestnut Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on the west (odd numbered) side of Chestnut Street or on the east (even numbered) side of Chestnut Street from Bridge Street to the end of the street (Drake's Field end of the street)

**6. Fayette Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Fayette Street beginning at Bridge Street and ending at the Fayette Parking Area, the Fayette Street Parking Area shall be restricted and regulated so as to provide access by all emergency vehicles

**7. Franklin Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Franklin Street

**8. Green Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Green Street

**9. Main Street**

- a) No vehicle shall be parked on the south (odd numbered) side of Main Street from Blake Street to Clark Street from the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- b) No vehicle shall be parked on the south (odd numbered) side of Main Street from Joy Street to the Elm Street intersection
- c) No vehicle shall be parked on the north (even numbered) side of Main Street from Broadway to Clark Street

**10. Manchester Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Manchester Street

**11. Oak Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Oak Street, except as authorized in the marked parking spots

**12. Oneida Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Oneida Street

**13. Page Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Page Street

**14. Park Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Park Street, other than as authorized in the marked parking spaces

**15. South Main Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on either side of South Main Street

**16. Watson Street**

No vehicle shall be parked on the west (even numbered) side of Watson Street

#### **F. Parking or stopping prohibited in specific places**

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

1. on a sidewalk
2. in front of a public or private driveway
3. within an intersection
4. within 30 feet of a corner at the following intersecting streets (measured from the curb lines):
  - a) Carroll Street south to Depot Street
  - b) Carroll Street north from Depot Street
  - c) Depot Street east to Carroll Street
  - d) Depot Street west to Fayette Street
  - e) Depot Street west to Elm Street
  - f) Main Street on the frontage of map U3 lot 48 (address #21)
5. in front of or within 15 feet of a hydrant
6. within 20 feet of a crosswalk
7. on a crosswalk
8. within 20 feet of a driveway entrance to any fire station and within 75 feet on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station
9. on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street
10. at any place where official signs or marks prohibit stopping or parking

#### **G. Permit or authorized parking**

There shall be no unauthorized overnight parking in the town public building parking lots

#### **H. Stopping in roadway**

Except as otherwise required by law, no vehicle shall be brought to a stop within any street except in the parking position prescribed for that street, except at signal-controlled or at stop-sign intersections, and as other traffic in the street may require, or as directed by a police officer

#### **Section 4. Stop signs**

Stop signs shall be erected and maintained at the following intersections:

1. Bailey Drive at Laconia Road
2. Baldwin Lane at Catamount Road
3. Barnstead Road (Old Rte 28) at Suncook Valley Road (heading east) (STATE maint.)
4. Barton Road at Dowboro Road
5. Berry Avenue at Tilton Hill Road
6. Berry Pond Road at Catamount Road
7. Blackey Circle at Tilton Hill Road (2, both ends)
8. Blake Street at Main Street
9. Bow Street at Tilton Hill Road
10. Bridge Street at Fayette Street
11. Bridge Street at River Road
12. Broadway at Main Street
13. Cameron Drive at Leavitt Road
14. Cameron Drive at Norris Road

15. Carroll Street at Main Street (STATE maintained)
16. Catamount Road at Carroll Street (STATE maintained)
17. Chestnut Street at Bridge Street (2, both sides)
18. Chestnut Street at Main Street
19. Clark Street at Catamount Road
20. Clough Road at Jenness Pond Road
21. Colony Road at Upper City Road
22. Concord Hill Road at Suncook Valley Road
23. Cram Avenue at Broadway
24. Cram Avenue at Carroll Street
25. Crescent Street at Concord Hill Road
26. Crescent Street at Lyford Hill Road
27. Daroska Road at Upper City Road
28. Deer Meadow Road at Laconia Road
29. Depot Street at Carroll Street
30. Dove Lane at Quail Ridge Road
31. Eaton Road at Norris Road
32. Eaton Road at Upper City Road
33. Elm Street at Main Street
34. Fairview Drive at Catamount Road
35. Fairview Drive at Clark Street
36. Fayette Street at Depot Street
37. Foss Avenue at Concord Hill Road
38. Franklin Street at Depot Street
39. Governors Road at Catamount Road (2, both intersections)
40. Green Street at Chestnut Street
41. Green Street at Elm Street
42. High Street at Barnstead Road
43. High Street at River Road
44. Hill Top Drive at Tilton Hill Road
45. Hills Road at Catamount Road
46. Ingalls Road at Loudon Road
47. Jenness Pond Road at Catamount Road
48. Johnson Road at Catamount Road
49. Joy Street at Main Street
50. Kaime Road at Suncook Valley Road
51. Karacull Lane at Loudon Road
52. Laconia Road at Barnstead Road
53. Leavitt Road at Loudon Road
54. Locke Road at Webster Mills Road
55. Loudon Road at Suncook Valley Road (heading east) (STATE maintained)
56. Loudon Road at Suncook Valley Road (heading west) (STATE maintained)
57. Lyford Hill Road at Leavitt Road
58. Manchester Street at Oneida Street
59. Manchester Street at Tilton Hill Road
60. Maple Street at Berry Avenue
61. Maple Street at Manchester Street
62. Molly Lane at Upper City Road

63. Mountain Road at Berry Pond Road
64. Mountain Road at Dowboro Road
65. Mullen Drive at Catamount Road
66. New Orchard Road at Webster Mills Road
67. Norris Road at Leavitt Road
68. Norris Road at Upper City Road
69. Oneida Street at Catamount Road (one way not needed)
70. Page Street at River Road
71. Page Street at Watson Street
72. Park Street at Carroll Street
73. Park Street at Elm Street
74. Phippen Lane at Russet Drive
75. Prescott Road at Dowboro Road
76. Prescott Road at Webster Mills Road
77. Quail Ridge Road at Dowboro Road (2, both ends)
78. Range Road at Shaw Road
79. Ring Road at Loudon Road
80. River Road at Lyford Hill Road
81. River Road at Suncook Valley Highway (Route 28)
82. Russet Drive at Winant Road
83. Sargent Road at Mountain Road
84. Shackford Court at Loudon Road
85. Shaw Road at Barnstead Road
86. Smith Street at Bridge Street
87. Spruce Street at Catamount Road
88. Spruce Street at Manchester Street
89. Sweetfern Drive at Loudon Road
90. Swett Road at Concord Hill Road
91. Tan Road at Dowboro Road
92. Tan Road at Governors Road
93. Targhee Drive at Loudon Road
94. Thompson Road at Catamount Road
95. Tilton Hill Road at Catamount Road
96. True Road at Tilton Hill Road
97. Upper City Road at Suncook Valley Road
98. Warren Avenue at Joy Street
99. Water Street at Main Street
100. Watson Street at Lyford Hill Road
101. Watson Street at River Road
102. Webster Mills Road at Dowboro Road
103. Widwood Drive at intersection of loop
104. Wildwood Drive at Tilton Hill Road
105. Will Smith Road at Tilton Hill Road
106. Winant Road at Catamount Road
107. Winant Road Extension at Winant Road

## **Section 5. Yield signs**

Yield signs shall be erected and maintained at the following intersections:

1. Clark Street at South Main Street

## **Section 6. One-way streets**

One-way signs shall be erected and maintained at the following intersections:

1. Broadway from Catamount Road to Cram Avenue
2. Oneida Street from Catamount Road to Berry Avenue
3. Berry Avenue from Oneida Street to Tilton Hill Road

## **Section 7. No through trucking (large commercial trucks)**

There will be no through trucking on:

1. Blake Street and the end of Joy Street that it abuts
2. Leavitt Road from Route 28 (Suncook Valley Highway) to Loudon Road
3. Leavitt Road from Loudon Road to Route 28 (Suncook Valley Highway)
4. Concord Hill Road

## **Section 8. Speed limits**

In accordance with the provisions of NH RSA 265:63, the Board of Selectmen finds by traffic investigation that the prima facie speed limits contained in NH RSA 265:60 are greater than reasonable for certain roads within the Town of Pittsfield and, therefore, establishes the following alteration of speed limits as the reasonable prima facie limits for those streets, as follows:

1. Berry Avenue – 15 miles per hour
2. Bow Street – 15 miles per hour
3. Bridge Street – 25 miles per hour
4. Chestnut Street – 25 miles per hour
5. Clark Street – 15 miles per hour
6. Depot Street – 25 miles per hour
7. Elm Street – 25 miles per hour
8. Fayette Street – 25 miles per hour
9. Green Street – 25 miles per hour
10. High Street – 25 miles per hour
11. Leavitt Road – west of NH Route 28 to Loudon Road – 20 miles per hour
12. Main Street – from Carroll Street to Clark Street – 30 miles per hour
13. Manchester Street – 15 miles per hour
14. Maple Street – 15 miles per hour
15. Oneida Street – 15 miles per hour
16. River Road – 25 miles per hour
17. Smith Street – 25 miles per hour
18. South Main Street – from Clark Street to Mountain Road – 30 miles per hour
19. Spruce Street – 15 miles per hour
20. Water Street – 20 miles per hour

## **Section 9. Driving on sidewalks**

Vehicles shall not be driven within any sidewalk area, except at a permanent or temporary driveway, or at the direction of a police officer or public safety official.



## **Section 10. Obstructing roads and sidewalks**

### **A. Obstructing roads**

No person shall obstruct, loiter, cause a nuisance, or engage in any sport or exercise on any public road, sidewalk, bridge, or public ground within the Town of Pittsfield in such a manner as to:

1. prevent or obstruct the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic thereon
2. cause a nuisance by congregating and hindering the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic

### **B. Obstructing sidewalks**

No person shall block any sidewalk that is less than 5 feet in width so that it is impossible for a pedestrian to travel along the sidewalk without leaving the sidewalk and walking on adjacent property or on the road.

### **C. Free speech**

This section shall not be interpreted as prohibiting any person from stopping on any sidewalk to talk or to make a speech, provided that such person shall not stand in such a location that it is impossible for any pedestrian to travel along the sidewalk without leaving the sidewalk and walking on adjacent property or on the road. If 2 or more persons are engaged in talking while stopped on a sidewalk, they shall not stand in such locations so as to completely prevent any pedestrian from passing them on the sidewalk.

### **D. Exceptions**

The Board of Selectmen may allow exceptions whereas permission has been granted and a permit has been issued

### **E. Violation & Penalty**

The penalty for a violation of this section shall be not less than \$100 for a first offense and no more than \$250 for each subsequent violation

## **Section 11. Utilization of roadways**

### **A. Road construction or repair**

Any time any portion of a roadway is to be utilized for the purpose of construction of a road, repair of a road, or the construction or repair of items adjacent to the roadway, it will be the responsibility of the contractor, public or private utility company, or private person to comply with the Town of Pittsfield's "Ordinance Governing Work in Public Ways and Places and the Excavation of Streets."

### **B. Towing due to hindrance of road work**

When vehicles or objects that are parked or placed in the Town's right of way cause a disruption in the construction of a road, repair of a road, or the construction or repair of items adjacent to the roadway being conducted, said vehicles or objects may be towed or removed at the owner's expense, after reasonable effort has been made with sufficient notice to have the owner remove the vehicle or object ahead of time.

## **Section 12. Snow or ice obstructions**

### **A. Obstructions**

1. No person shall place or cause to be placed any snow or ice on or in any road, right of way, sidewalk, in front of or around any fire hydrant, or in or upon any driveway access as a result of any snow removal or plowing operations
2. No person shall plow any snow or ice across any road, right of way, or sidewalk from any abutting property or property on an opposite side of a right of way
3. No person shall pile or store snow or ice in a manner that will obstruct the vision of a motor vehicle operator at an intersection or along a right of way

### **B. Violation & Penalty**

1. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall reimburse such private parties or the Town for the removal of such snow or ice placed in violation.
2. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation, the penalty for which is not less than \$150 nor more than \$500 per violation, such penalty to inure to the Town of Pittsfield.

## **Section 13. Load limits on town roads and bridges**

Due to the seasonal weakening, age, or other impairment of roadways, pavements, and bridges, it is often necessary to limit the load permitted on a roadway, pavement, or bridge.

### **A. Load limits**

With the authority of the Board of Selectmen, the Superintendent of Public Works may designate a period of time that restricts any motor vehicle or trailer with a gross weight exceeding 6 tons (12,000 pounds) from being driven or placed upon any Town road, pavement, or bridge.

### **B. Posting**

A special weight limit sign should be used to indicate such restrictions. The sign will be located immediately in advance of the section of roadway, pavement, or bridge to which it applies. In the case of an extended length of restricted roadway, pavement, or bridge, the sign will be placed on the right-hand side of the restricted roadway approximately 25 feet from any intersected road on which the restriction does not apply, so as to clearly be visible from all vehicles turning onto the restricted roadway. Supplementary signage may also be deemed necessary.

### **C. Exemptions**

Exempt from the provisions of this section are emergency service vehicles, utility service vehicles, heating fuel delivery vehicles, trucks delivering processed milk products, trucks carrying sap for maple syrup production, septic pumper trucks and accompanying supply trucks, or vehicles or equipment summoned and authorized by competent government authority to perform in the interest of public safety.

### **D. Violation & Penalty**

Any person or entity who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation, the penalty for which is to not exceed \$500. Should the roadway, pavement, or bridge sustain such damages as a result of the violator's act, such violators shall be liable for the cost of the repair as restitution for the damage.

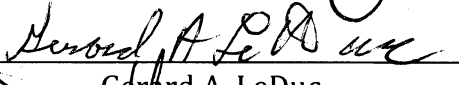
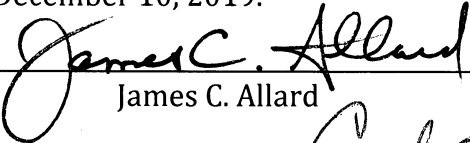
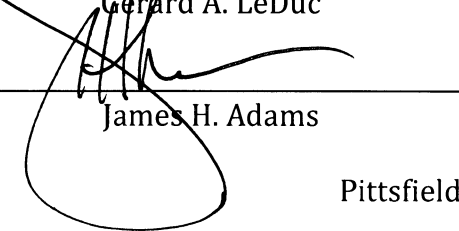

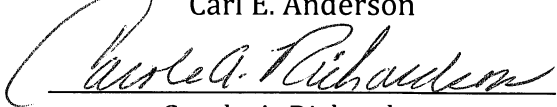
#### Section 14. Effect of Ordinance

If any part or parts of this Ordinance are for any reason to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

#### Section 15. Penalty

Unless another penalty is contained in a section of this Ordinance or State Statute, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than \$25 for a first violation, \$50 for a second violation, \$100 for a third violation, and not less than \$125, nor more than \$500, for each subsequent violation thereof.

This Traffic Control Ordinance shall take effect on December 11, 2019, having been adopted by the Board of Selectmen on December 10, 2019.

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