



TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town Hall, 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, New Hampshire

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDINANCE

AUTHORITY

In accordance with and under the authority of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 41, Section 11 and Chapter 47, Section 17, VII and VIII, 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 Board of Selectmen of the Town of Pittsfield. This ordinance repeals and replaces the 1997 "Traffic Control Ordinance" and any subsequent amendments thereto.

Section 1. Words and Phrases Defined. The following words and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings:

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

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 or unloading merchandise then in readiness for immediate delivery.

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

Stop: When required, means complete cessation of movement.

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.

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

Section 2. Parking Regulations

A. Owner Responsible for Illegal Parking

1. Owner Responsibility for Illegal Parking: No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his/her 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, regulating 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 forty-five (45) degrees, vehicles shall be parked, headed in to the curb with the right front wheels at the curb and at an angle of forty-five (45) degrees to the curb.

C. All Night Parking Prohibited. No vehicle shall be parked on any street in the Town between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM, from November 15th of one year through April 15th of the following year, inclusive.

D. Parking Limited to Designated Places.

1. 2 Hour Limited Parking in Designated Places: When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no vehicle shall be parked over two (2) hours at any time between the hours of 8:00AM and 6:00PM of any day, Sundays and Holidays excluded, within the following described districts:

Main Street from the Factory Bridge to Park Terrace, Main Street from the westerly boundary of Dustin Park to the intersection of Chestnut Street. Carroll Street from Main Street to Depot Street, Depot Street from Tilton Hill Road to Elm Street, Elm Street from Depot Street to Main Street (excluding the no parking area around the Post Office), Fayette Street from Depot Street to Bridge Street,

2. 30 Minute Limited Parking in Designated Places: 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 AM and 6:00PM on any day, Sundays and Holidays excluded, within the following described districts: Carroll Street (east side), North from Depot Street to the South side of Drakes Field.

3. 20 Minute Limited Parking in Designated Places: 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 described districts, Main Street (south side) from the Police Department access driveway to accommodate 2 regular and one handicapped parking space.

E. Restricted Parking:

1. 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.

- 2. Chestnut Street:** No vehicle shall be parked on the westerly side of Chestnut Street, beginning at Washington Square and continuing to Bridge Street.
- 3. Chestnut Street Extension:** No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Chestnut Street Extension.
- 4. Manchester Street:** No vehicle shall be parked on the southerly side of Manchester Street beginning at Maple Street and ending on Oneida Street.
- 5. Green Street:** No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Green Street.
- 6. Park Street:** No vehicle shall be parked on the southerly side of Park Street. There shall be a two (2) hour parking limit on the north side of Park Street.
- 7. Carroll Street:** No vehicle shall be parked on the East side of Carroll Street from the South side of Drake's Field, northerly of a distance of 150 feet. This area is designated for Emergency Vehicles Only.
- 8. South Main Street:** No vehicle shall be parked on either side of South Main Street from Blake Street between the hours of 7:00AM and 5:00PM Monday through Friday. No vehicle will be parked on the North side of South Main Street from Broadway to Blake Street at any time.
- 9. Main Street:** No Parking on the southerly side of Main Street from the intersection of Joy and Main Street up to the Tuttle Block, known as Tax Map and Lot U3-48. In front of said building, there may be three places for parking restricted to 2 hours maximum during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. after which time parking is prohibited; from those three places, south through 25 Main Street there shall be no parking.
- 10. Oneida Street:** No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Oneida Street from Catamount Street (Route 107) to the school property between the hours of 7:00AM and 4:00PM, Monday through Friday. No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Oneida Street from Manchester Street to the Pittsfield Middle High, during school hours, a period running from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. without first being issued a parking permit by the Pittsfield Middle High School.
- 11. Broadway Street:** No Parking between signs on the easterly side of Broadway Street from Main Street to the Pittsfield Weaving Companies Parking Lot, The easterly side is the right side of Broadway from Main Street going down Broadway.
- 12. Berry Avenue:** No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Berry Avenue from Maple Street to the Pittsfield Middle High, during school hours for period running from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30PM, without first being issued a parking permit by the Pittsfield Middle High School.
- 13. Bridge Street:** No vehicle shall be parked on the northerly side of Bridge Street from Fayette Street to River Road and on the south side of Bridge Street from River Road to within 50 feet of the east end of the bridge.

14. Elm Street: No vehicle shall be parked on the easterly side of Elm Street from the entrance to the Post Office to a point 70 feet south of the entrance designated by a sign. This area shall be designated a tow away zone.

F. Parking or Stopping Prohibited in Specific Places

1. 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 any of the following places:

- (a) On a sidewalk
- (b) In front of a public or private driveway
- (c) Within an intersection
- (d) Within thirty (30) Feet of a corner at intersecting streets, measured from the curb lines.
 - 1. Carroll Street southerly to Depot Street (both East and Westside)
 - 2. Carroll Street northerly from Depot Street (both East and West side)
 - 3. Depot Street easterly to Carroll Street (both East and Westside).
 - 4. Depot Street westerly to Fayette Street
 - 5. Main Street on the frontage of Number 21.
- (e) In front of or within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant
- (f) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk
- (g) On a crosswalk
- (h) Within twenty (20) feet of a driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of said entrance,
- (i) Within twelve and one half (12-1/2) feet of either side of the center point of the front entrance to a theater or moving picture house.
- (j) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or perked at the edge or curb of a street.
- (k) At any place where official signs or marks prohibit stopping or parking.

G. Permit Parking

- (a) **Locations:** Parking in the following town parking lots shall be by permit only: the Washington lot on Oak Street.
- (b) **Allocation:** The permits shall be allocated by the Board of Selectmen, based upon an application process with criteria posted in a newspaper serving the Pittsfield area. The permits shall be issued for a term of not longer than five years.
- (c) **Display:** The parking permit shall be displayed in a conspicuous manner either in the rear window or from the rearview mirror.
- (d) **List:** A list shall be kept by the Pittsfield Police Department of vehicles authorized to use the spaces. It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder(s) to ensure that the list has the most current information on the users of the parking lot.
- (e) **Penalty:** Every person convicted of a violation of Section 2:G shall be fined not more than five hundred (\$500.00) for each violation thereof and subject to impoundment.

H. Stopping in Highway: 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 intersections, and as other traffic in the Street may require or as directed by a police officer.

Section 3. Stop Signs. Stop signs shall be erected and maintained at the following intersecting locations:

- (1) Berry Avenue at Tilton Hill Road
- (2) Chestnut Street at Bridge Street
- (3) Chestnut Street Extension at Bridge Street
- (4) Cram Avenue at Broadway Street
- (5) Crescent Street at Lyford Hill Road
- (6) Fayette Street at Depot Street
- (7) Foss Avenue at Concord Hill Road
- (8) Green Street at Chestnut Street
- (9) Green Street at Elm Street
- (10) Page Street at River Road
- (11) Page Street at Watson Street
- (12) Manchester Street at Tilton Hill Road
- (13) Smith Street at Bridge Street
- (14) Sweat Road at Concord Hill Road
- (15) Watson Street at Lyford Hill Road
- (16) Bridge Street at River Road
- (17) Water Street at Main Street
- (18) Broadway Street at Depot Street
- (19) Cameron Drive at Norris Road
- (20) Cameron Drive at Leavitt Road
- (21) Norris Road at Leavitt Road
- (22) Manchester Street at Maple Street
- (23) Manchester Street at Spruce Street
- (24) Tilton Hill Road at Catamount Street
- (25) Maple Street at Berry Avenue
- (26) Oneida Street at Manchester Street
- (27) Oneida Street at Catamount Street
- (28) Clark Street at Catamount Street
- (29) Blake Street at Main Street
- (30) Broadway Street at Main Street
- (31) Main Street at Carroll Street
- (32) Cram Avenue at Carroll Street
- (33) Franklin Street at Depot Street
- (34) Oak Street at Main Street
- (35) Joy Street at Main Street
- (36) River Road at Lyford Hill Road
- (37) High Street at River Road
- (38) High Street at Barnstead Road
- (39) Fairview Road at Clark Street

- (40) Bridge Street at Fayette Street
- (41) Range Road at Shaw Road
- (42) Will Smith Road at Tilton Hill Road
- (43) True Road at Tilton Hill Road
- (44) Thompson Road at Tilton Hill & Clough Roads
- (45) Shingle Mill Brook Road at Clough Road
- (46) Blackey Circle at Tilton Hill Road (both ends)
- (47) Wildwood Drive at Tilton Hill Road
- (48) Wildwood Drive & intersection of loop
- (49) High Street at River Road
- (50) Molly Lane at Upper City Road
- (51) Norris Road at Upper City Road
- (52) Daroska Road at Upper City Road
- (53) Baton Road at Upper City Road
- (54) Eaton Road at Norris Road
- (55) Old Colony Road at Upper City Road
- (56) Cameron Drive at Norris Road
- (57) Cameron Drive at Leavitt Road
- (58) Norris Road at Leavitt Road
- (59) Lyford Hill Road at Leavitt Road
- (60) Johnson Road at Thompson Road
- (61) Rocky Point Road at Clough Road
- (62) Clough Road at Jenness Pond Road
- (63) Sargent Road at Mountain Road
- (64) Tan Road at Governor's Road
- (65) Tan Road at Dowboro Road
- (66) Barton Road at Dowboro Road
- (67) Dove Lane at Quail Ridge Road
- (68) New Orchard Road at Webster Mills Road
- (69) Prescott Road at Webster Mills Road
- (70) Locke Road at Webster Mills Road
- (71) Webster Mills Road at Dowboro Road
- (72) Mountain Road at Berry Pond Road

Section 4. Yield Signs: Yield Signs shall be erected and maintained at the following intersections:

- (1) Fayette Street Extension at Bridge Street
- (2) Clark Street at South Main Street

Section 5. One-Way Streets.

- (1) Broadway Street from Catamount Street to Cram Avenue.
- (2) Oneida Street from Catamount Street to Berry Avenue between the hours of 7:00AM to 8:30AM and 2:15PM to 3:15PM, Monday through Friday, during the school year.
- (3) Berry Avenue from Oneida Street to Tilton Hill Road between the hours of 7:00AM to 8:30AM and 2:15PM to 3:15PM, Monday through Friday, during the school year.

Section 6. No Through Trucking (Large Commercial Trucks)

- (1) There will be no through trucking on Blake Street and the end of Joy Street that it abuts.
- (2) There will be no through trucking on Leavitt Road from Route 28 to Loudon Road.
- (3) Concord Hill Road.

Section 7. Speed Limits: In accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 265, Section 63, the Board of Selectmen finds by traffic investigation that the prima facie speed limits contained within New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 265, Section 60, are greater than reasonable for certain streets 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) Clark Street from Catamount Street to Fairview Road: fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- (2) South Main Street from Carroll Street to Parcel R33-001, thirty (30) miles per hour, then thirty-five (35) miles per hour to Mountain Road.
- (3) High Street, twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- (4) River Road, from Lyford Hill Road to N.H. Route 28, twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- (5) Water Street, twenty (20) miles per hour.
- (6) Leavitt Road, (on the West side of NH Route 28) twenty (20) miles per hour.
- (7) Berry Avenue, twenty (20) miles per hour.
- (8) Manchester Street, twenty (20) miles per hour.
- (9) Chestnut Street, twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- (10) Bridge Street, twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- (11) Smith Street, twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- (12) Green Street, twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- (13) Fayette Street, twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

Section 8. Operation of Vehicles

(1) Vehicles Shall Not be Driven on Sidewalk: Vehicles shall not be driven within any sidewalk, except at a permanent or temporary driveway, or at the direction of a police officer or firefighter.

Section 9. Utilization of Roadways. Anytime 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 "Ordinance Governing Work in Public Ways and Places and the Excavation of Streets."

Section 10. Snow/Ice Obstructions

(1) No person(s) shall place or caused to be placed any snow or ice on or in any street 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(s) shall plow any snow or ice across any street right of way or sidewalk from any abutting property or property on an opposite side of a right of way.

(3) No person(s) shall remove snow or ice from any area on a parcel of property and pile or store such snow or ice in such a manner that will obstruct the vision of motor vehicle operators at an intersection or along a right of way.

(4) Any person(s) who violates any provision of this Section 9A of this Ordinance shall reimburse such private parties or the Town of Pittsfield for the removal of such snow or ice placed in violation of this Section 9A.

(5) Penalty. Any person(s) who violations the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a violation the penalty for which is not less then \$150.00 nor more then \$500.00 per violation such penalty to inure to the use of the Town of Pittsfield.

Section 11. Load Limits on Town Roads, Streets and Bridges

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

(2) The purpose of this Ordinance is to prohibit any motor vehicle or trailer with a gross weight exceeding six (6) tons or twelve thousand (12,000) pounds, from being driven or placed upon any Town road, street or bridge in the Town of Pittsfield during the period so designated by the Superintendent of Public Works with the authority of the Board of Selectmen.

(3) No person, partnership, firm, association or corporation shall drive or place or cause to be driven or placed, upon any Town road, street or bridge, a motor vehicle or trailer with a gross weight exceeding six (6) tons or twelve thousand (12,000) pounds, during the period so designated by the Superintendent of Public Works with the authority of the Board of Selectmen.

(4) **Posting:** A special weight limit sign shall be used to indicate such restrictions. The sign shall have a standard and minimum size of twenty-four (24) inches by thirty (30) inches. It shall be located immediately in advance of the section of roadway, street or bridge to which it applies. In the case of an extended length of restricted roadway or street, it shall be placed on the right-hand side of the restricted roadway or street approximately twenty-five (25) feet from any intersected road or street on which the restriction does not apply, so as to clearly be visible from all vehicles turning into the restricted roadway or street. A supplementary sign may be necessary on the left-hand side of the roadway or street.

(5) **Exceptions:** Exempt from the provisions of this Section are all emergency motor vehicles or trailers and essential utility service motor vehicles and trailers. Emergency motor vehicles and trailers are defined as those providing police, fire, ambulance and road maintenance services. Essential utility motor vehicles and trailers are defined as those providing, but not limited to, telephone, electric power, cable television or heating fuel services.

(6) Penalty: Any person, partnership, firm, association, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a violation the penalty for which is no exceed the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars if an unnatural person, i.e., partnership, firm, association or corporation. Should the roadway, street or bridge sustain damages as a result of a violators act, such violators shall be liable for the repair or restitution of such damage,

Section 12. 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 13. 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 ordinance shall take effect on September 7, 2004, having been adopted by a vote of the Board of Selectmen on September 6, 2004.

Board of Selectmen

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