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1. Authority and Purpose

This Ordinance is adopted by the Chester Board of Selectman under RSA 41:11 for the regulation of stopping, parking and standing of motor vehicles and certain other uses of highways.

2. Definitions

Except as may be otherwise provided, terms used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings given them in Title XXI of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated.

3. Exemption For Emergency Vehicles

This Ordinance shall not apply to emergency vehicles when responding to a fire alarm or other emergency call or in pursuit of a suspected violator of the law.

4. Traffic Signs, Signals and Devices

All traffic signs, signals and devices placed by direction of the Board of Selectmen shall be placed in a conspicuous position and in accordance with applicable State standards.

5. Prohibited Stopping, Standing or Parking

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the directions of a Police Officer or official traffic control device, no owner or operator of a vehicle shall permit, on a highway or other Town property:

5.1 Stopping, standing or parking of the vehicle:

(a) In a marked for lane as designated by the Board of Selectmen or Fire Chief.

(b) On the roadway side of the vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of the street.

(c) Within an intersection.

(d) On a crosswalk.

(e) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or edge of traveled way, or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb or edge of traveled way immediately opposite the ends of the safety zone.

(f) Alongside or opposite any excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.

(g) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway.

(h) At any place where official signs that prohibit stopping, standing or parking have been installed by the State of New Hampshire or by direction of the Board of Selectmen.

(i) In any parking place specially designated for a person with a walking disability by means of a proper sign pursuant to RSA 265:73-a unless a person being transported to or from the parking space has special number plates, decals, or a card issued pursuant to RSA 261:86, 87 or 88.

(k) On the west side of Fremont Road between Granite State Telephone Company utility pole 23/54 and Granite State Telephone Company utility pole 23/55 (area in front of the junk yard).

(l) From August 15th to July 1st of each year between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on the East side of Chester Street (New Hampshire State Route 121) from P.S.N.H. utility pole #2-7 to the southern driveway entrance of the Chester Elementary School.

5.2 Standing or parking of the vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers:

(a) In front of a public or private driveway.

(b) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.

(c) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.

(d) Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign or traffic control signal located at the side of the roadway.

(e) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station.

(f) Unless the right hand wheels are parallel to the right hand side of the traveled portion of the way.

(g) So as to impede the normal flow of traffic upon the traveled portion of the way.

6. No Through Trucking

Through trucking, as defined in this section, shall be prohibited on Birch Road. "Through Trucking" means trucking by trucks of on-and-one-half-ton capacity or more on a street with no pick-ups or deliveries while upon said street.

7. Winter Parking

7.1 It shall be unlawful to park or permit to be parked a vehicle upon any highway between November 15 and April 01.

7.2 Any vehicle obstructing snow removal or highway maintenance operations shall be subject to towing, pursuant to RSA 262:31 et seq.

8. Placing Snow or Ice In Highway

No person shall place or cause to be placed any snow or ice upon the traveled surface of any highway except snow which is necessary to draw a horse-drawn sleigh across a highway.

9. Penalties

9.1 The owner or operator of a vehicle who violates Section 5 of this Ordinance shall, after notice of such violation is given in hand or attached to such vehicle, make payment to the Town Clerk, as a penalty in full satisfaction of such violation, according to the following schedule.

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>PYMT. WITHIN 7 DAY</u> <u>NOTICE OF VIOLATION</u>	<u>7-14 DAYS</u>	<u>14-21 DAYS</u>
Handicap Zone	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
No Parking	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00
Winter Parking	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Fire Lane	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00

9.2 Any such owner or operator who fails to make payment within 21 days according to the Schedule in Section 9.1 shall be subject to prosecution for said violation in District Court and may be fined in an amount not to exceed \$ 1,000.00.

9.3 Violations of 6, 7 and 8 of this Ordinance shall be subject to prosecution and fine in an amount not to exceed \$ 1,000.00.

10. Enforcement

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Officers of the Town of Chester.

11. Town Assumes No Liability

The Town of Chester, its Officers, agents and employees, assumes no duty, obligation or liability with respect to personal injury, bodily injury or property damage arising out any violation, enforcement or nonenforcement of this Ordinance.

12. Severability

The invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provision nor the validity of the Ordinance as a whole.

13. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances

The adoption of this Ordinance shall repeal any other Ordinance that is clearly inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance.

14. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

We, the undersigned, Board of Selectmen, do adopt this " Traffic Ordinance" (Original 12/20/93, Revised 1/27/98) on 2/17/98

The Board of Selectmen

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