

TOWN OF STONINGTON

PARKING ORDINANCE

Of June 2006

Amended:

October 2, 2006 (re: Atlantic Avenue)

October 5, 2009 (re: Colwell ramp, Atlantic Ave loading zone, etc)

September 19, 2011 (re: Highland Ave, Bayview, etc.)

December 17, 2012 (re: Main Street, library parking, winter snow ban W. Main)

February 22, 2016 (re: snow removal)

AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE: This ordinance is adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stonington in accordance with 30-A MRSA § 3009. The Selectmen find that unrestricted parking of motor vehicles on town roads is a hindrance and dangerous to the driving public. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the parking on these streets as necessary to insure the safety and safe passage of all on these streets.

DEFINITIONS: Words used in this ordinance shall be defined in accordance with 29-A MRSA §101; any undefined word shall have its common, ordinary meaning.

Main Street: Parking shall be within marked parking spaces. No person shall park a motor vehicle for more than 24 consecutive hours with the exception of parking shall be banned on the South side of Main Street from the intersection of Atlantic Ave and Main Street for approximately 400 feet to the boundary line between Map 8A Lots 22 & 23 intersecting and adjoining with Main Street with the exception of the Boyce parking lot on the south side of Main Street. Parking on the north side of Main Street from Robbins Street approximately 650 feet to the old Noyce driveway shall be 2 hour parking only. No person shall abandon a motor vehicle on said street. No person or persons shall sleep in parked vehicles or camper trailers on said street. Under no circumstances shall parked vehicles loading or unloading block, or obstruct the area known as Main Street. Commercial trucks shall load and unload in designated loading or unloading areas only on Main Street unless express authority is given by the Town Manager/Road Commissioner.

Pink Street, Memorial Lane: Parking shall be within marked parking spaces. No person shall park a motor vehicle in these areas for more than 5 consecutive days. No person shall abandon a motor vehicle in this area. No person or persons shall sleep in parked vehicles or campers trailers in these areas.

Stinson Park: Parking shall be within marked parking spaces. No overnight parking except during a snow emergency. No person shall abandon a vehicle in this area. No person or persons shall sleep in parked vehicle or camper trailers in area known as Stinson Park running from Main Street up to area known as Hagen Dock running 100 feet from Main Street. No person shall load or offload cargo, building materials, vehicles, special equipment such as cranes onto the town dock/parking areas or town property

without the permission of the Town Manager/Road Commissioner. Cargo, building materials, vehicles, and special equipment such as cranes exceeding one hundred thousand pounds shall be prohibited unless permission is obtained from the Town Manager/Road Commissioner.

Hagen Dock: Parking shall be within marked parking spaces. No overnight parking. Parking priority is for access to the public landing. No person shall park so as to block access to the landing. No parking is allowed in the area behind the Fire Station building at Hagen Dock in the No Parking Zone area. One parking space shall be designated for Stonington Library patrons with a half hour limit during library hours. No person or persons shall sleep in parked motor vehicles or camper trailers in these areas. No person shall abandon a motor vehicle in the area known as Hagen Dock running from the end of Stinson Park to the boundary lines of Map 8A Lot 69 & 69A. No person shall load or offload cargo, building materials, stone, vehicles, special equipment such as cranes onto the town dock/parking area without the permission of the Town Manager/Road Commissioner. Cargo, building materials, stone, vehicles, special equipment such as cranes exceeding one hundred thousand pounds shall be prohibited unless permission is obtained from the Town Manager/Road Commissioner.

Atlantic Avenue: Parking shall be within marked parking spaces. No person shall park so as to block access to the fire station. No person shall park a motor vehicle in front of or block the Fire Station truck entrance doors. **No parking on the east side of Atlantic Avenue for a distance of 136 feet south from the entrance to the Union Trust Bank building at 2 Atlantic Avenue. Parking on the east side of Atlantic Avenue between the entrance and exit to the Union Trust Bank building is limited to 1 hour duration. (Amendment #1) Commercial truck loading/unloading is permitted in designated area marked in the town road limits on Atlantic Avenue beside the Harborview Store located at 3 Atlantic Avenue. Under no circumstances shall the town road known as Atlantic Avenue be obstructed, or blocked by motor vehicles loading or unloading unless they have the express authority given by the Town Manager/Road Commissioner.**

Seabreeze Avenue: The following areas will have no parking for motor vehicles except for emergency vehicles and in the case of the intersection of Seabreeze and Route 15, for vehicles whose occupants are attending a funeral at the funeral home located on the corner of Route 15 and Seabreeze Avenue: Both sides of Seabreeze Avenue from the intersection of Route 15 to a point forty five (45) feet south; On the west side of Seabreeze Avenue, from the intersection of Seabreeze and Bayview to a point three hundred (300) feet north; On the east side of Seabreeze Avenue, from the intersection of Seabreeze and Bayview to a point one hundred (100) feet north.

Colwell Ramp: The following area shall have no parking except for motor vehicles loading or unloading for a period no longer than 45 minutes. No blocking of the boat ramp is allowed. No supplies, materials, cargo, or debris shall be left in the area known as Colwell ramp and shall be removed at the owner's expense. No day or night parking for motor vehicles is allowed. No person or persons shall be allowed to sleep in parked

vehicles in the area known as Colwell Ramp. No person or persons shall abandon motor vehicles, boats or trailers in the area known as Colwell Ramp. Motor vehicles, trailers, and special equipment such as cranes, exceeding one hundred thousand pounds are prohibited unless express authority is given by the Town Manager/Road Commissioner.

Bayview Street: The following areas will have no parking for motor vehicles except for emergency vehicles: On the north side of Bayview Street, from the intersection of Seabreeze and Bayview to a point fifteen (15) feet east; On the north side of Bayview Street, from the intersection of Granite and Bayview to a point twenty five (25) feet west; On the north side of Bayview Street, from the start of the public way to a point one hundred (100) feet west; on the south (water) side of Bayview Street, from the intersection of Seabreeze and Bayview to the end of the public way. No overnight parking shall be allowed except for property lines of owner's of Map 8B Lot 34A known as the "Lobster Trap" abutting Bayview Street.

Highland Avenue: No parking either side of Highland Avenue.

Main Street Snow Removal Parking Ban: From December 1st through, April 15th no person shall leave a car parked on Main Street between Atlantic Avenue and School Street between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while the town is removing snow.

West Main Street Snow Removal Parking Ban: From December 1st through, April 15th no person shall leave a car parked at the beginning of West Main Street to the intersection of West Main Street and Highland/ Greenhead Road between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while the town is removing snow.

The Town Manager may cause any vehicle so parked on any town road, or street, municipal parking lot, or public way, so as to interfere with or hinder the removal of snow by the town to be towed at the expense of the owner of such vehicle and without the Town being liable for any damage that may be caused by such removal.

Main Street Truck Unloading Ban:

From May 1st through September 30th between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00PM, no person shall stop, stand or park a commercial vehicle greater than 20 feet in length on Maine Street from Atlantic Avenue to School Street except in a designated truck loading zone, and in no case shall the stop for loading or unloading exceed 30 minutes without special permission of the Town Manager. The words "commercial vehicle" shall be deemed to mean a motor vehicle bearing commercial plates. A truck loading zone 65 feet in length is hereby established on Main Street in front of the Stonington Sanitary District service building.

Main Street Town Hall Parking: From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during business days, the parking space in front of the town hall shall be reserved for persons conducting business in the town hall. In no case shall a vehicle be left in the space for more than fifteen minutes. Handicapped parking is available in the designated area beside the ADA

handicapped ramp beside the Town Hall and in the designated area behind the Town Hall for the second floor meeting room and is reserved for authorized handicapped plated or placarded vehicles only.

Other Town owned properties: No persons shall park motor vehicles at any other Town owned parcels or property unless they have prior permission from the Town Manager/Road Commissioner, paid use or lease fees applicable to such properties and their interests in them giving them such permissions and rights, such as the School rental, Gym building, Town Water company parcels, Stonington Municipal Airport, Public Works facility, Transfer Station, and Athletic field complex. No persons shall sleep in a parked motor vehicle on these properties. No persons shall abandon motor vehicles on town properties or the parking areas adjacent to them.

Sand Beach: No parking on either side of the road within 1500 feet of the Sand Beach, except in the designated, marked parking area on the road shoulder at the Sand Beach. No parking in the designated Sand Beach parking area after the posted hours. No parking of motor vehicles is allowed beyond the gated area leading to the beach leased by the Town except for the motor vehicles of the owners of the property and the Town of Stonington public works motor vehicles. No person shall block the access road leading to the beach area.

School Street: No parking on either side of School Street from the southern intersection of Main Street and School Street to a point 100 feet from the intersection of School and Highland Avenue.

General Prohibitions: No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places: On a sidewalk; in front of any driveway or land; within an intersection; within 10 feet of a hydrant; on a crosswalk; within 10 feet of the near corner of the curbs at an intersection; or at any place where official signs or curb painting so prohibit. Only vehicles displaying a valid handicapped sign shall be parked in a parking spot marked for handicapped people. No unattended reefer or refrigerated motor vehicles/ trucks shall park with refers running between the hours of 9:00PM and 5:00AM on any town property or parking area. All vehicles parked on or operating on town roads, town property or parking areas must be currently registered, and not exceed a gross vehicle weight of over one hundred thousand pounds (100,000)

TOWING: A motor vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance may be towed by a wrecker authorized by the municipality, at the request of and under the supervision of the official duly authorized and appointed by the Selectmen or Town Manager. Within five days of the tow the municipal official who supervised the tow shall send to the registered owner a notice stating the date and time of the tow, the location where the motor vehicle is impounded, and the requirements for release of the motor vehicle.

RELEASE OF TOWED VEHICLE: Any person seeking release of a motor vehicle towed pursuant to this ordinance must first (a) pay all towing charges and storage charges

and (b) present satisfactory evidence of his or her right to possession and sign a receipt for the vehicle.

PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF OPERATION: No person shall cause, allow or permit a motor vehicle registered in his or her name to park in violation of this ordinance. The fact that a motor vehicle is unlawfully parked shall be prima facie evidence of the unlawful parking of such vehicle by the person in whose name such vehicle is registered.

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES: This ordinance shall be enforced by the town official duly appointed and authorized by the Selectmen or Town Manager and by state, county and local law enforcement officers. A violation of this ordinance is a civil violation punishable by a fine of \$50.00. Any person charged with a violation of this ordinance may waive court action by paying a fee of \$25.00 to the Town Office within 30 days of this violation.

SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE: In the event that any provision of this ordinance is declared by a court to be unenforceable, the remaining provisions continue in full force and effect. This ordinance shall become effective when adopted by the Board of Selectmen. Any provisions of any prior ordinance that conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Date Adopted: September 19, 2011

Stonington Board of Selectmen

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Amendments:


Amendment #3, to Highland Ave, Bayview Street and changes modified as indicated, is hereby adopted. September 19, 2011

Amendment #4, to Main Street 2 hour parking north side modified, no parking on Main Street south side modified, Library Parking on Hagen Dock West Main St. snow parking ban is hereby adopted, December 17, 2012.


Amendment #5, Snow removal is hereby adopted February 22, 2016

Signed:


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