

**Town of Belmont, New Hampshire
ORDINANCE REGULATING
TRAFFIC**

In accordance with and under the authority of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapters 41:11 and 47:17, VII, the Town of Belmont Board of Selectmen hereby establish the following ordinance regarding highways and parking.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the safety, health and welfare of the general public and to regulate the parking and travel on town roads, sidewalks and parking areas within the Town of Belmont.

**Section I
DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

Any terms not defined in this ordinance shall be defined by New Hampshire law under Title XXI

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE - Shall mean a motor vehicle designed or used to transport passengers or property if:

- I. (a) The vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds;
 - (b) The vehicle is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or
 - (c) The vehicle is of any size and is used in the transportation of materials found to be hazardous for the purposes of 49 CFR part 172, subpart F.
- II. The term commercial motor vehicle shall not include:
- (a) Emergency vehicles assigned or registered to a fire department or fire service organization when driven by fire service personnel in pursuit of fire service purposes.
 - (b) Recreational vehicles.
 - (c) Military vehicles when driven by non-civilian military personnel in pursuit of military purposes.
 - (d) Vehicles used exclusively for agriculture and farming.¹

¹ 259:12-e

Section II REGULATIONS

- A. The Board of Selectmen shall have the power to establish parking regulations, post regulatory signs or paint lines on the street, regulate the flow of traffic, and establish other traffic regulations that do not conflict with any state law.
- B. Whenever traffic control devices are placed in position on public ways by the Belmont Department of Public Works, such devices shall be presumed to have been placed by an official act or direction or by lawful authority.
- C. The following are designated as public parking lots:
 - a. Main Street Municipal Parking - Main Street across from Fuller Street. Parking is without charge in this area on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - b. Nelson Court Municipal Parking Lot - Nelson Court and the corner of Fuller Street. Parking is permitted in this lot for official town business and/or on duty town employees only.
 - c. Fuller Street Municipal Parking – On Fuller Street, between Nelson Court and Sargent Street. Between the hours of 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, parking is permitted in this lot for official town business and/or on duty town employees only.
 - d. Belmont Police Department / Corner Meetinghouse Parking Lot – On Fuller Street by Sargent Street. Parking is permitted in this lot for official town business at the Corner Meetinghouse or Belmont Police Stations and/or on duty town employees only.
 - e. Belmont Rideshare – Laconia Road, aka Route 106. Parking at the Belmont Rideshare will be directed by the Rideshare Ordinance accepted by the Belmont Board of Selectmen.
- D. Parking for Sargent Park is allowed only on Sargent Street or the Belmont Parks and Recreation Parking Lot.
- E. The use of public parking lots is for short-term parking. Vehicles on site in excess of 72 hours shall be considered abandoned under RSA 262:40-a (II) and are subject to removal under the terms of this Ordinance.
- F. Snow removal restrictions shall be applicable to on-street parking and shall also apply to public parking lots.

- G. Due to lot size and available turning radii and maneuvering area, and to reduce pavement damage by heavy vehicles, parking in public parking lots is limited to appropriately registered passenger cars and motorcycles. Commercial vehicles are prohibited.

**Section III
PROHIBITED ACTS**

- A. **Overnight Parking** – There shall be no overnight parking of vehicles along any roadway between November 15 and April 30 of any year, inclusive.
- B. **One Way Street** – Mill Street shall be a one-way street from the corner of Main Street as far as the first left hand street which leads back to Main Street. All traffic shall move in a one-way direction from the northerly entrance to the southerly exit.
- C. **Restricted Travel and Turning**
 - a. No commercial motor vehicle may travel through Main Street, extending from the intersection of Main Street and Gilmanton Road through to Laconia Road, also known as Route 106.
 - b. No commercial motor vehicle may travel through on Concord Street, extending from the intersection of Main Street and Shaker Road through to Laconia Road, also known as Route 106.
 - c. No left hand turn may be taken at the intersection of Main Street and Laconia Road, also known as Route 106.
- D. **No Parking** – No person shall cause a vehicle to stop, stand or be parked:
 - a. Within 15 feet of any fire hydrant;
 - b. In any posted fire lane parking;
 - c. Within areas designated by the Board of Selectmen, Director of Public Works or the Chief of Police as "Emergency No Parking Zones" for such reasons as construction, funerals, official police business, parades and civic activities;
 - d. With the left side of the vehicle to the curb;
 - e. In any posted handicapped parking zone; or
 - f. In any posted no parking or restricted parking zone.

**Section IV
PENALTIES**

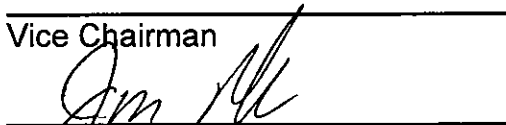
Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a penalty not to exceed \$1000.00. At a minimum, the following fines shall be imposed:

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| Blocking Private Driveway | \$15.00 |
| Double Parking | \$15.00 |
| Fire Lane | \$50.00 |
| Handicapped Zone | \$250.00 |
| Parking in Cross Walk | \$25.00 |
| Loading Zone | \$50.00 |
| No Parking Zone | \$50.00 |
| Obstructing Traffic Lane | \$50.00 |
| Parked Across Lines | \$15.00 |
| Permit / Decal Violation | \$25.00 |
| Prohibited Area | \$50.00 |
| Restricted Zone | \$50.00 |
| Too Close to Fire Hydrant | \$50.00 |
| Too Close to Intersection | \$25.00 |
| Too Close to Stop Sign | \$25.00 |

Adopted and effective this 17 day of March in the year 2008
Belmont Board of Selectmen



Chairman

Vice Chairman


Selectman

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