

TOWN OF TAMWORTH TRAFFIC AND ROAD REGULATIONS POLICY

These regulations are adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town of Tamworth under RSA Chapter 41:11. They are designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town, and those who travel the Town's roadways and other Town properties. They are in addition to, not in spite of, State regulations and laws. This document should not be considered an exhaustive treatise of the all of the laws, rules and regulations that affect the Town's roads, public lands, and other properties under its jurisdiction.

The Board of Selectmen hereby appoints the Road Agent as their designee in regards to this policy.

ARTICLE I - General Traffic and Parking Provisions

Section 1.01. Camping on Public Property.

It shall be unlawful to use any motor vehicle or trailer, including travel trailers, camper pickups and the like, for the purpose of camping, including sleeping overnight and/or the preparation of cooked meals, while such motor vehicle or trailer is parked on the highways or other public property of the Town of Tamworth.

Section 1.02. Bicycles/Skateboards/Rollerblades.

Neither bicycles, skateboards, nor rollerblades shall be operated on sidewalks.

Section 1.03. Crosswalks.

Pedestrians shall use crosswalks where available and shall have the right-of-way. All motorists will bring their vehicles to a complete stop and allow the safe passage of the pedestrians.

Section 1.04. U-turns.

No U-turns are permitted on any Town road.

Section 1.05. Speed limit on Town roads.

The maximum speed limit on all Town roads shall be 35 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

Section 1.06. Restricted Parking Streets.

The following shall be designated as restricted parking streets:

A. Main Street: Diagonal parking in front of town hall 1 hour limit during office hours.

Section 1.07. Prohibited Parking – Year-Round.

Parking shall be prohibited as follows:

- A. No Parking in Town Traveled portion of roadways unless in designated parking areas.
- B. Exception. Tradesmen, contractors and special event coordinators may make application to the Tamworth Police Department for a special permit allowing parking without time limit for a period not to exceed five consecutive days. Such permits will only be issued to those tradesmen or contractors who satisfactorily demonstrate necessity because of continual need to have access to tools, equipment and materials contained in their vehicle which are necessary to the performance of their trade where actually working within the area.

Section 1.08. Prohibited Parking - Winter Months.

From November 1 to May 1 of each year:

- A. During hours of darkness parking on all public streets shall be prohibited during declared snow emergencies. The Board of Selectmen or their designee may declare a snow emergency at any time when in the Board's discretion a snowstorm is imminent. The Board shall, as soon as practical, but before 3:00 p.m. of any such day, notify the local radio stations and ask them to broadcast that a snow emergency has been declared. The Board shall also notify the Police and Fire Departments of the same.
- B. During hours of darkness parking shall be permitted in any Town parking lot during snow emergencies; provided, however, that any vehicles so parked must be removed from such Town parking lot by 7:00 a.m.
- C. The drivers of a car disabled in snow emergency conditions shall immediately notify the Police Department of the location of the car and shall make arrangements for its removal at the earliest possible moment.
- D. Pursuant to RSA 41:11 and 47:17, no person shall park any motor vehicle on any public highway at any time in such a manner as to impede snow plowing, snow removal or road surface treatment operations.
- E. Cars parked in violation of the foregoing regulations shall be towed away on order of the Board of Selectmen or the Police Department and may be recovered by the owner or their agent only upon payment to the towing company. .

Section 1.09. Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited.

- A. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic device, no person, except a person driving an emergency vehicle, State Highway Department or Town of Tamworth municipal vehicle actively engaged in work, shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street. The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons actively engaged in the delivery of gasoline, liquid propane or fuel oil.
- B. There shall be no standing in a public way hindering the flow of traffic.

Section 1.10. Parking Spaces.

All persons utilizing parking spaces shall be required to park their vehicles entirely within such designated spaces marked by painted lines. Where lines designating authorized parking spaces mark a street or parking lot, no person shall park a vehicle in an area that is not an authorized parking space.

Section 1.11. Violations - Penalties.

The penalty for each violation of Article I shall be \$50 for the first offense, and \$100 for each additional offense, plus court costs.

Fines are payable within five working days at the Town Clerk's Office and thereafter will be subject to an additional penalty of \$15. Vehicles parked in violation of these regulations are also subject to being towed away at the owner's expense.

ARTICLE II – SNOW OBSTRUCTION

Section 2.01. Obstruction and Encroachments.

Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any Class V or Class IV highway or town-maintained portion of a Class II highway for any purpose, shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person, or guilty of a misdemeanor of any other person except with written Town approval by the Board of Selectmen or its designee.

Section 2.02. Violations and penalties.

Any person or persons convicted of violating Article II shall be \$50 for the first offense, and \$100 for each additional offense, plus court costs.

Fines are payable within five working days at the Town Clerk's Office and thereafter will be subject to an additional penalty of \$15. Vehicles parked in violation of these regulations are also subject to being towed away at the owner's expense.

ARTICLE III - Travel, Snow and All-Terrain Vehicles

Section 3.01. Operation on Town property.

No self-propelled registered or unregistered motorized vehicle, including those commonly referred to as snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, mini-bikes, dirt bikes, quad runners, off highway recreational vehicles, OHRV's, etc. shall be operated on any public lands or other property under the jurisdiction of the Town of Tamworth.

Section 3.02. Exception

Use of a designated registered self-propelled motorized vehicle shall be permitted only on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Town of Tamworth that have been clearly marked to allow use of such vehicle, but only in accord with all posted restrictions, if any, and

Section 3.03. Violations and penalties.

Any person convicted of violating Article III shall be fined \$100, plus court costs.

Fines are payable within five working days at the Town Clerk's Office and thereafter will be subject to an additional penalty of \$15. Vehicles in violation of these regulations are also subject to being towed away at the owner's expense.

ARTICLE IV - Weight Limits

Section 4.01. Limitation on hauling.

From and after the effective date on this article, it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation to haul, transport or cause to be transported by vehicle with gross weight in excess of 6 tons any material over posted Class V and Class VI roads so noticed due to spring thaw or other road surface or structure conditions as deemed necessary.

Section 4.02. Exceptions.

The restriction imposed by Section 4.01 shall not apply to emergency vehicles, or to such other vehicles as may be given written permission to pass by the Board of Selectmen, or its designee.

The Board of Selectmen or its designee shall administer said posting and exceptions for vehicles over 6 tons based on specific requests for routing on specified ways when conditions are deemed appropriate.

Section 4.03. Public Notice.

A list of Class V and Class VI roads affected shall be published in a newspaper of local circulation in each year prior to the posting of such roads.

Section 4.04. Violations and penalties.

Whoever shall fail to comply with the provisions of Article IV shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine of \$500, plus court costs. For the purpose of Article IV, each load hauled, transported or moved over noticed Town roads shall be deemed a separate violation.

Fines are payable within five working days at the Town Clerk's Office and thereafter will be subject to an additional penalty of \$15. Vehicles parked in violation of these regulations are also subject to being towed away at the owner's expense.

Article V. Snow Removal and Ice Control

Section 5.01. Policy.

It is the goal and intent of the Town of Tamworth to provide timely, efficient and cost-effective winter maintenance, snow removal and ice control on the roadways of the Town for the health, safety, welfare and benefit of the Town residents and the general motoring public.

Section 5.02. Procedure.

The policy stated in Section 5.01 implemented through the execution of the procedures and tasks outlined in this Article. Due to the many variables that are inherent in New England weather, each storm and/or weather event may require slightly different effort and/or emphasis on any number of maintenance tasks, which together, determine the overall winter maintenance, snow removal or ice control strategy.

Section 5.03. Chain of Command.

Direction of all winter maintenance activities for the Town of Tamworth is vested with the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen hereby designate the Road Agent as its designee to implement this policy.

Section 5.04. Level of Service.

It is not possible to maintain a snow and ice-free road during a storm. It is the intention of the Town of Tamworth to provide practical, safe access to homes, businesses and municipal and school facilities during winter storms.

Snow removal operations shall commence upon the discretion of the Road Agent based upon updated weather reports and other information. The Road Agent may elect to not remove snow at all, or to commence removal operations at an accumulation of his discretion.

Generally, treatment of major roads and those more heavily traveled will take precedence over treatment of roads less heavily traveled. Also, treatment of roads in the vicinity of schools (when in session) and special events will take precedence over roadways in other parts of the Town. However, every storm and situation is different, and the Road Agent shall use his discretion to utilize manpower and equipment in a manner that best suits the particular characteristics of each storm and each situation.

Road pre-treatment and ice control measures may be undertaken prior to the commencement of snowfall or ice accumulation. However, given the differing degrees of effectiveness of various types of snow and ice treatment measures depending upon a variety of factors (i.e. temperature, wind velocity, time of day, etc.), the timing and type of treatment is up to the discretion of the Road Agent.

Section 5.05. Implementation; Delay.

The policy outlined in this Article is intended to serve as the normal operating procedures for winter maintenance, snow removal and/or ice control for the Town of Tamworth. However, one or more of the following may affect or delay implementation all or part of this Article:

- Equipment Breakdown
- Snow Accumulation in Excess of 1” Per Hour
- Freezing Rain or Other Icing Conditions
- Traffic Congestion
- Emergencies
- Personnel illness

Section 5.06 Governing Law.

Article V is adopted in accord with the provision of RSA 231:92-a, RSA 507-B:2-b, and RSA 47:17 VII.

Adoption and Amendment

In the event an amendment to this Traffic and Road Regulations Policy is required, the Board of Selectmen is empowered, to the extent allowed by law, to amend this Policy. Such amendment shall take effect only after holding a public hearing thereon, with notice thereof to be in accord with the requirements of RSA 675:7 (i.e. newspaper advertisement, posting in two public places).

The Town of Tamworth adopts the Traffic and Road Regulations Policy (inclusive of Articles I, II, III, IV and V) effective June 23, 2006.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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