TOWN OF ALSTEAD ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

Parking Requirements: When parking a vehicle on the side of any way in the Town of Alstead, the operator must park his or her vehicle completely off the travel portion of the road. In the event that the way in question is paved, this shall mean the entire paved area of the way.

Obedience to All Signs: The operator of any vehicle wishing to park on the side of any way in the Town of Alstead must check the area for any posted signs restricting parking. If such a sign is posted the operator will not park his or her vehicle in that area.

Exceptions: Exceptions to the parking requirements listed above are in the event of an emergency or breakdown. If an operator leaves a vehicle in a breakdown area, the vehicle must be removed as soon as possible.

Bragg Lane: No person shall park a vehicle upon the entire length of Bragg Lane between the hours of 10:00 pm to 5:00 am.

Penalties: Any vehicle found to be in violation of the above Bragg Lane ordinance shall be subject to a parking fine in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Winter Parking Ban: The Town of Alstead has adopted the following winter parking regulations. There shall be no parking on Town roads November 15th through April 15th. One purpose of this parking ban is to allow winter maintenance crews unobstructed snow removal and ice control routes, as much as possible, to maintain the maximum effectiveness of their efforts.

- a. RSA 262:32 gives the Town the authority to tow any vehicles that violate the winter parking regulations at the owner's expense. Any vehicle which otherwise interferes with the reasonable efforts of the Town's winter maintenance is subject to ticketing and/or towing after reasonable attempt to notify the owner/operator.
- b. The Town is not responsible for damages to such vehicles arising out of Winter Maintenance Operations or a result of towing.

Enforcement: The police department shall be notified of any vehicle obstruction and/or damage. The following procedure will be utilized.

- a. When a violation of the Winter parking Ban occurs, the Town employee will attempt to locate the operator/owner of the vehicle.
- b. If this is not possible or practical, the Alstead Police will be notified as well as the Road Agent or the Road Agent's Designee.
- c. Written notice of the violation containing a description of the parking offence and applicable schedule of penalties must be affixed to the vehicle at the time of the offence. This notice shall be deemed adequate service of process to the vehicle owner.
- d. If an officer is not available to serve the notice, the Road Agent or the Road Agent's Designee must document the violation through photos and text messages or email to the Chief of Police. Section c still applies. An officer will serve notice on the vehicle as soon as practical after the vehicle is towed.
- e. Informational cards notifying a vehicle owner/operator that they are in violation of the winter parking ban may be affixed to a vehicle at any time between November 15th and April 15th by any town employee, regardless of whether or not snow removal operations are occurring at that time. (See attachment A)

Penalties: Any vehicle found to be an obstruction or hazard to traffic will receive the parking fine listed below and at the discretion of the Law Enforcement Officer, or Road Agent or the Road Agent's Designee may be removed. The owner shall bear the reasonable costs of removal and storage which may result from such removal before regaining possession of the vehicle. Failure to honor a parking violation ticket may subject that person to Court action.

- a. First Offence -Warning
- b. Second Offence \$100.00 Fine
- c. Third and Subsequent Offences \$200.00 Fine Each

Responsibility: Violation of the parking ordinance and charges shall be deemed the responsibility of the registered owner of such vehicle. Such registration may be proven as set forth in RSA 261:60. Said registered owner shall be conclusively presumed to be in control of the vehicle at the time of the parking violation, and no evidence of actual control or culpability need be proven as an element of the offense in accordance with RSA 231:132-A.

Procedure for payment:

- a. The operator or owner must, within seven (7) days of the time when a notice of violation was attached to the vehicle, pay to the Town of Alstead by mail or personal appearance at the Town Clerk's office the applicable fine amount pursuant to fine schedule in Penalties above.
- b. Failure by the owner or operator to make a payment within fourteen (14) days may result in the issuance of a summons to the owner to appear in Keene District Court to answer to the charges of violating the ordinance as provided in RSA 231:132-a.

Parking Regulations not exclusive: The provisions of this chapter imposing a time limit on parking shall not relieve any person of the duty to observe other more restrictive provisions prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles as set forth in NH RSA 265:68-74, or any other applicable New Hampshire statute.

If any provision of these Ordinances or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or application of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of these Ordinances are severable.

It is ordered that the above amendment to the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Alstead be filed and recorded in the office of the Town Clerk, and that these regulations become effective on <u>January</u> <u>J4</u>, <u>J0</u> <u>J0</u>.

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