

MACHIAS PARKING ORDINANCE

STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

SECTION 1

a) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, in any of the following places:

- 1) On a sidewalk, bridge or culvert, bicycle lane, bicycle and pedestrian lane, or crosswalk;
- 2) In front of any public or private driveway; nor within ten feet of either side of any driveway;
- 3) Within an intersection;
- 4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant;
- 5) Within twenty (20) feet of the near corner of the curbs at an intersection, unless otherwise designated;
- 6) Within twenty feet of the driveway entrance of any fire station and on the side of the street opposite the entrance of any fire station within seventy-five feet of that entrance;
- 7) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
- 8) On the road way side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of the street or double parked, so-called;
- 9) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;
- 10) Within ten (10) feet of the Sunrise Trail.
- 11) On any street or highway that is the traveled portion of said street or highway.
- 12) On any street or highway where parking is allowed, with the vehicle facing in the opposite direction

SECTION 2 PASSENGER AND FREIGHT LOADING ZONES

The Municipal Officers may establish passenger zones and freight loading zones and place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the same and stating the hours during which the provisions of this Ordinance are applicable.

SECTION 3 NO PARKING ZONES

The Municipal Officers may establish and then erect and maintain signs indicating that no parking is permitted on the side of said street.

SECTION 4 STANDING OR PARKING CLOSE TO THE CURB

Except when necessary in case of an accident to a vehicle or in obedience to traffic regulations or signs, the operator of a motor vehicle shall park such vehicle headed in the direction of traffic and with curbside wheels of the vehicle within one foot of the edge of the roadway, except as provided in the following paragraphs:

- (1) The Municipal Officers shall determine upon what streets parking shall be permitted and mark or sign such streets or parts of streets or cause the same to be marked or signed.
- (2) That portion of Main Street on the southerly side from the building adjacent to the R.H. Foster Service Station to a point which is the eastern side of the Machias Hardware Building on Main Street shall be restricted to parallel parking only.
- (3) That portion of Court Street on the southerly side of the road adjacent to the Porter Memorial Library, with paved parking spaces.
- (4) That portion of Center Street on the westerly side of the street, there is a parking space located 50 feet south of the intersection of Court and Center Streets.

SECTION 5 VEHICLES NOT TO OBSTRUCT

(a) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to place the same in any street so as to prevent or obstruct the passing of other vehicles or passenger bus, and it shall be unlawful for any operator to double park a vehicle or stop the same abreast of another vehicle lengthwise or otherwise in any street at any time.

(b) Large vehicles. No owner, operator, or person in charge of any vehicle which has a carrying capacity of more than three thousand pounds or which, including load, is more than eighteen feet in length, or which, including load, is more than eight feet in width, or which, including load, is more than twelve feet six inches in height, shall permit the same to stand upon any public street in the town for a longer period than two hours, except when loading and unloading.

(c) No vehicle specified in section (b) as large vehicles shall park within the compact or built up area for a longer period than 20 minutes and then only when loading and unloading.

SECTION 6 SPECIFIC PARKING RESTRICTIONS

A) The following street intersections are hereby declared to be hazardous areas and no vehicle shall be permitted to stop, stand, or park within twenty-five feet (25) of a point where the curb lines extended would intersect at the following street corners or intersections:

- 1) Main Street and Center Street
- 2) Main Street and Colonial Way
- 3) Main Street and Water Street Street
- 4) Main Street and Short Street Avenue
- 5) Main Street and Court Street
- 6) Court Street and Center Street
- 7) Court Street and Cooper Street

- 8) Court Street and Broadway
- 9) Court Street and Free Street
- 10) Colonial Way and Free Street

B) No vehicle shall be allowed to stop, stand or park:

- 1) On the southerly side of Main Street from a point east of the intersection of Main Street and Short Street to a point on Main Street / U.S. Route 1 at the Machias / East Machias Town Line
- 2) On the northerly side of Main Street from a point at the Machias- East Machias town line to the intersection of Main Street and Short Street.
- 3) Within twenty feet of any crosswalk at any point along Main Street
- 4) On either side of Court Street along its entire length, except for the paved parking spaces adjacent to the library.
- 5) On either side of Kennebec Road, East Kennebec Road, West Kennebec Road or the Crossroad.
- 6) On either side of Elm Street from the intersection with U.S. Route 1 to the Machias-Machiasport Town Line.
- 7) On either side of Broadway from Colonial Way to the Machias- Marshfield Town Line.
- 8) No person or persons shall park any motor vehicle beyond the area designated by the Municipal Officers so as to obstruct the view of any warning signals.
- 9) It shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle in any loading zone established by the Municipal Officers except for the purpose of unloading merchandise at the place of business where such loading zone is established. Such loading zones shall be appropriately marked by signs or devices placed there at the direction of the Municipal Officers to indicate the nature of the loading zone.

C) There is parking permitted in delineated spaces at the following locations:

- 1) On the southerly side of Main Street starting on the west side of the Service station located at the bridge to the end of the Machias Hardware Building.
- 2) On the southerly side of Main Street in the delineated spaces between Bar Harbor Banking and Trust and Short Street.
- 3) On the northerly side of Main Street in the delineated spaces between Short Street and Hing Garden Restaurant.
- 4) One space on the westerly side of Center Street between Court Street and Main Street.
- 5) On Court Street in delineated paved spaces located adjacent to the Porter Memorial Library.

SECTION 7 PARKING NEAR THE FIRE STATION

- a) Authority of the Chief. The Chief of Police or the Fire Chief or both are hereby authorized to set out, make and maintain parking signs, lines and barriers near the fire stations in accordance with other provisions of this Section.
- b) Fire Personnel. Parking for fire personnel only shall be permitted in the stalls marked as "Fire Personnel."
- c) The Fire Chief is authorized to regulate parking by means of signs within 100 feet of any fire station.

SECTION 8 HANDICAPPED PARKING

No person shall park or cause to be parked any motor vehicle or motorcycle in a parking space clearly marked as a handicapped parking space, unless that vehicle or motorcycle displays a special registration license plate or placard issued under Title 29-A M.R.S.A. sections 521, 522 or 523, or a similar license plate or placard issued by another state.

Where the owner of a private off-street parking area has entered into an agreement with the Machias Police Department for the enforcement of this ordinance, as authorized under Title 30-A M.R.S.A. section 3009 (1)(D)(2), this ordinance may be enforced in the private off-street area by the Machias Police Department.

SECTION 9 DOUBLE PARKING

Double parking shall not be permitted on any street or way within the Town of Machias.

SECTION 10 PARKING TIME LIMITED

A) Whenever any time limit parking is imposed, except when specifically exempted, the Municipal Officers shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof.

B) Between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon except on Fridays and Sundays, and between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and nine o'clock in the afternoon on Fridays in accordance with the time adopted and in effect in the town, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to park the same for any one consecutive period of time longer than two hours or upon the following streets or parts thereof :

South side of Main Street from the R.H. Foster service station to the Machias Hardware building.

(C) The parking lot located adjacent to the Colonial Way side of the 5&10 Building has 30 minute parking allowed on the south side of the parking lot adjacent to the building, and 2 hour parking for the north side of the parking lot adjacent to Colonial Way.

SECTION 11 MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS

- 1) It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Ordinance for any person to permit any vehicle owned by or under the control of such person to remain or stand in any Municipal Parking Lot at any time unless such vehicle complies with the laws of the State of Maine made and established for the licensing of such vehicle.
- 2) Any police officer of the Town of Machias may cause an unlicensed motor vehicle found in any Municipal Parking Lot of the Town of Machias to be towed away at the expense of the owner of such vehicle.
- 3) No person shall park any vehicle in any Municipal Parking Lot in the Town of Machias for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours at any one time. For the purpose of this Ordinance, Municipal Parking Lots are hereby defined as lots of land owned and set aside by the Town of Machias as off-street parking areas for the parking of vehicles. Such areas are for public usage under the regulations of this Ordinance.
- 4) Specific parking areas are designated for those municipal lots which serve apartments with authorized and designated overnight parking. Overnight parking is not for use by anyone in a commercial use of a building.

SECTION 12 SNOW REMOVAL

No vehicle shall park so as to interfere with or hinder the removal of snow from any street or way. The Chief of Police may cause a vehicle so parked on any street or way to be removed from the street and placed in a suitable parking space off the street, at the expense of the vehicle owner.

For the purpose of facilitating the removal of snow from the streets of the town, the Town Manager or Police Chief may cause to be placed properly marked signs along any street or streets as he or she shall from time to time deem necessary. It shall be unlawful for the operator of vehicles to enter upon, stop, or park within the space indicated by such signs.

No person may place snow or slush in the public way that has not accumulated there naturally in accordance with Title 29-A M.R.S.A., §2396. This includes both the roadway and sidewalks.

SECTION 13 WINTER PARKING BAN

No vehicle shall be parked on any street or way of the Town from November 1st to March 31st of the following year, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Any vehicle so parked may be removed or caused to be moved within the scope of the towing guidelines of the Town of Machias. Emergency vehicles of the Town, ambulances, doctors and police vehicles within the scope of their duty are excepted. Notice of the winter parking ban shall be published in a local newspaper at least seven days prior to November 1st.

SECTION 14 EMERGENCY PARKING

When, in the best judgment of the Town Manager, the Road Commissioner or the Chief of Police, an emergency exists or is about to exist because of snow, ice, hurricane, or other weather hazard, or because of a large gathering such as a fair or concert, the Emergency Preparedness Director or the Chief of Police may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance determine and designate, by proper emergency signs, streets or portions of streets, on which no stopping or parking of vehicles may be permitted and also to determine and designate, by proper emergency signs, streets, or portions of streets, on which vehicular traffic may move only in one direction.

SECTION 15 PENALTIES

a) Any person who violates a provision of the parking ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

- 1) Overtime Parking \$25.00
- 2) Vehicle in Crosswalk or in Sidewalk \$25.00
- 3) Obstructing Traffic \$25.00
- 4) Obstructing Driveway \$25.00
- 5) Parking in Restricted Area \$25.00

6) Double Parking \$25.00

7) Parking Overnight/Winter Ban Parking \$25.00 and the vehicle towed at the owners expense

8) Other \$25.00

9) Handicapped Parking Violation \$100.00

b) If the penalty is not paid within 30 days after notice of the violation, a civil summons may be issued charging that person with the specific violation under Article IV. Upon adjudication, that person shall be punished by a fine according to Article IV, Section 8-414, Penalties. The District Court in addition to the penalty may assess a fee not to exceed \$100.00 to cover the cost to the Town for the District Court process.

c) Penalties are to be collected by the Machias Police Department and handled according to the Town cash control policy. A duplicate copy of the account will be forwarded to the Town Treasurer.

SECTION 16 SCOFFLAWS

Offenders who have three or more unpaid parking tickets issued by the Machias Police Department under this ordinance shall be considered scofflaws. Any vehicle of a scofflaw found to be in violation of this ordinance may be removed and stored at the owner's expense until all fines, penalties, storage, and towing charges are paid. In the event that such vehicle has not been redeemed pursuant to Title 29 M.R.S.A. Section 2610, it shall be deemed to have been abandoned by its owner.

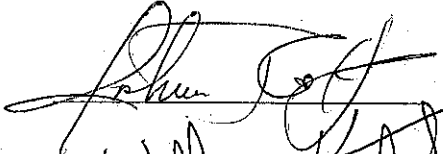
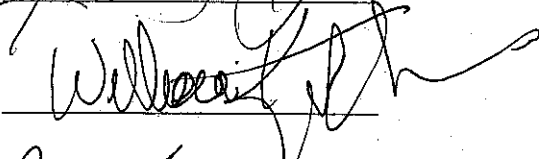

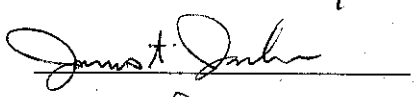
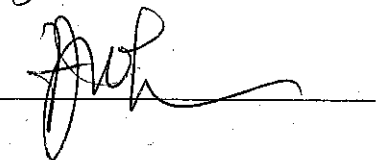
SECTION 17 HABITUAL OFFENDERS

Any person who shall have committed more than six (6) offenses within the period of one (1) year may be designated by the Chief of Police to be an habitual offender. Habitual offenders may be issued a civil citation to District Court and be subject to a fine up to \$250.00 if adjudicated to have committed the offense alleged.

SECTION 18 EMERGENCY REMOVAL

The Chief of Police or his or her designee may cause the removal, at the owner's expense, of any motor vehicle in violation of this ordinance which is posing an immediate threat to public safety.

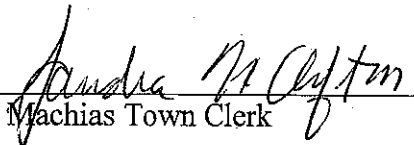
Machias Municipal Officers:

Dated: 1/22/2020

Municipal Seal

Attested by:


Machias Town Clerk