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attest Sylvia Edmondson  
Clerk*

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**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM**

**PARKING ORDINANCE**

**SECTION 1: PURPOSE** - The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the parking of motor vehicles on any public way within the borders of Bowdoinham to assure; a.) safety of motorists and pedestrians; b.) public ways is clear from obstructions that would interfere or impede road maintenance and seasonally necessary care; and c.) parking in all areas of town will be regulated in such a manner so as to not create a nuisance.

**SECTION 2: AUTHORITY** - The Bowdoinham Board of Selectmen enact this ordinance by the exclusive authority granted them pursuant M.R.S.A. Title 30-A, Section 3009, Paragraph C.

**SECTION 3: GENERAL PROHIBITIONS** - No person shall stop or park a vehicle in the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with another vehicle, or to be in compliance with the directions of a law enforcement officer:

- a. On a sidewalk
- b. In front of a public or private driveway
- c. Within a traffic intersection
- d. Within six feet of a fire hydrant
- e. On a crosswalk
- f. On a bridge or the travel way leading to or from a bridge
- g. No vehicle shall stop or park on the roadway side of any vehicle which is legally parked or stopped at the roadside or curb. (i.e., No double parking)
- h. Within 20 feet of the rear corner of curbs at an intersection.
- i. Within the public right of way where official signs are posted prohibiting parking.
- j. In a cemetery unless visiting or servicing a grave site.
- k. On the left side of any street or travel way so as to face on-coming traffic.

**SECTION 4: SPECIFIC SITE PROHIBITIONS** - Parking shall be prohibited at all times upon all or certain parts thereof on the following streets, roads, or public ways:

**1. Spring Street and School Street** - There shall be no roadside parking of motor vehicles at any time on either side of the street beginning at the driveway of the Coombs Municipal Building on School Street down the hill to Spring Street to the intersection of Back Hill Street and Route 24.

**2. Ridge Road** - There shall be no roadside parking at any time from the Route 24 intersection to the Cemetery Road intersection.

3. **Town Common** - There shall be no roadside parking at any time in front of the Town Common beginning on Main Street at the Knights of Pythias Lodge, around the corner in a westerly direction to Back Hill Street.
4. **Back Hill Street** - There shall be no parking on the right side of the street going in a downhill direction. Parking shall be allowed on the left side of the street.
5. **Cemetery Street** - There shall be no parking from the westerly corner of the Village Cemetery to the Ridge Road intersection.
6. **Coomb's Municipal Building** - No overnight parking shall be allowed at the municipal parking lot from November 15 to April 15.
7. **Brown's Point Road** - There shall be no parking on either side of the roadway within the town's right of way from the point that the Abagadasset Road and Center's Point Road intersects with the Browns' Point Road easterly to the intersection of the Brown's Point Road and the Pork Point Road.
8. **Main Street** - There shall be no parking on the right side of Main Street beginning at the intersection of Route 24 in an uphill direction to the Grange Hall.
9. **Main Street - 2 Hour Parking** - Two (2) hour parking shall be allowed on the southwest side of Main Street from the Knights of Pythias Lodge to the Back Hill Street intersection.

The only exceptions shall be for vehicles providing a service to a residence, i.e., oil trucks, moving vans, emergency vehicles, etc.

**SECTION 5: SNOW REMOVAL** - No vehicle shall be parked at any time, on any street, public way or road, as to interfere with or hinder the plowing or removal of snow. The town may cause the removal of such vehicles in accordance with Section 9 of this ordinance.

**SECTION 6: NIGHT TIME WINTER PARKING BAN** - No vehicle shall be parked on any town maintained travel way or road between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. from November 15 through April 15. The town may cause the removal of such vehicles in accordance with Section 9 of this ordinance.

**SECTION 7: FIRE EMERGENCY** - No vehicle shall be stopped, parked or abandoned within five hundred (500) feet of a fire or other public emergency unless so directed by a law enforcement officer or a fire department officer. This section shall not apply to police, fire or other emergency vehicles or equipment.

**SECTION 8: PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE** - The ownership of any vehicle parked in violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be prima facie evidence that it was so parked by the owner thereof.

**SECTION 9: AUTHORITY TO REMOVE VIOLATING VEHICLES** - Any officer of a law enforcement agency recognized in the State of Maine and/or a Constable appointed by the Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to cause the removal of any vehicle that is stopped or parked in violation of this ordinance. Removal shall be arranged by the law enforcement officer with a reputable person engaged in the business of towing and/or storing vehicles. The cost of towing and storing a vehicle shall be the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle.

**SECTION 10: PENALTY** - Whoever violates any provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction, be liable for a civil penalty of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense. Each and every violation shall constitute a separate offense. All civil penalties shall inure to the benefit of the town. If the Town prevails in the prosecution of a violation of this ordinance, the town shall be awarded reasonable attorney fees, expert witness fees and costs.

An individual accused of a violation of any provision of this ordinance may voluntarily waive his/her right to appear and defend before any court the charges made against him/her by paying to the Town a waiver fee of \$25.00 within 30 days of the date of the alleged violation. The waiver fee shall be paid at Treasurer's Office located in the Coomb's Municipal Building at 13 School Street, Bowdoinham, Maine 04008.

**SECTION 11: ENFORCEMENT** - Any officer of a law enforcement agency recognized by the authority to institute any and all actions and proceedings in the name of the town, either legal or equitable, to enforce the provisions of this ordinance, including but not limited to the issuance of parking tickets and traffic citations.

**SECTION 12: VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY** - Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this ordinance.

**SECTION 13: EFFECTIVE DATE** - The effective date of this ordinance shall be the date and time enacted by the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Bowdoinham.

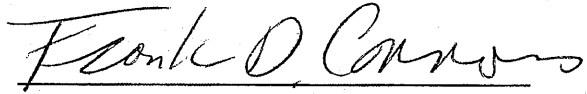
**SECTION 14: REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCE** - The Vehicle Traffic Regulations previously adopted on November 30, 1983 shall be repealed as of the effective date and time of this ordinance.

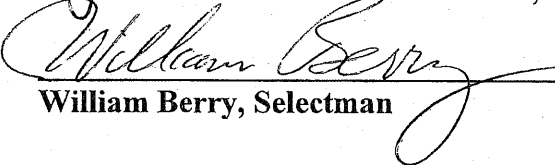
**End of Ordinance**

**Given under our hands the 25th day of February, 1998.**

**BOWDOINHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

  
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