

## PARKING ORDINANCE

Pursuant to RSA 41:11 and RSA 47:17 XVIII, the Town of Chichester, New Hampshire hereby ordains as follows:

### **PURPOSE:**

This ordinance is designed to reduce or eliminate illegal parking as outlined by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Chichester. It is intended to enforce illegal stopped or parked vehicles regardless of whether the vehicle is attended or unattended. All parking violations will be determined at the discretion of the Chichester Police Department.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

1. PUBLIC ROADWAY: All ways maintained and/or accepted by the town.
2. PRIVATE AREAS: Any way, business or area which is considered private.
3. VEHICLE: Includes but not limited to any car, truck, bus, construction equipment, motorcycle or any other vehicle defined in RSA 259:1.

### **PARKING RESTRICTIONS:**

- A. Handicap parking: Any area designated as parking for handicap parking. This will pertain to any area marked by means of paintings and/or signs.
- B. Roadway Parking: No portion of a vehicle shall be parked on any portion of a roadway which would impede the smooth flow of traffic.
- C. Prohibited Areas: No vehicle shall be parked in areas designated as no parking areas by the NH Department of Transportation and/or Board of Selectmen, Town of Chichester and/or by signs indicated a "No Parking" area
- D. Winter Parking Ban: No vehicle shall be parked on any roadway in the Town of Chichester between the dates of November 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> and the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am of each year. Dates and times may be changed by the Board of Selectmen.
- E. Snow Removal: No vehicle shall be parked on any roadway in such a manner as to impede snow removal. No person shall stop or cause to be stopped or park a vehicle so as to impede or interfere with the proper snow clearing operations of the town when snow removal operations are in effect.
- F. Blocking: No vehicle shall be parked in a manner which causes driveways, crosswalks or fire hydrants to be blocked.
- G. Site Distance: Any vehicle parked on the roads in the Town of Chichester shall be parked in a manner that traffic has a clear view of the parked vehicle for a distance of at

least two hundred feet each direction. Police will determine this enforcement area based on safety of the traffic.

- H. Intersection: No vehicle shall be parked within 30 feet on an intersection
- I. Fire Station Entrance: No vehicle shall be parked within 75 feet of a Fire Station Entrance
- J. Fire Lanes: No vehicle shall be parked in an area designated as a fire lane
- K. Parking After Hours: No vehicle shall be parked after hours (after midnight) in any designated public parking area

**TOWING:**

- A. All vehicles found in violation of this ordinance may be removed (towed) at the discretion of the Police Department. Costs of such removal and subsequent storage of removed vehicles shall be at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.
- B. The release of this vehicle will be after all required fees and/or fines are paid.
- C. Unless safety dictates otherwise, the Police Department will not have the vehicle removed until they have attempted to contact the owner and/or operator of the vehicle.

**FINES:**

- A. Any first time offense will result in a fine of \$10.00
- B. Any second time offense will result in a fine of \$20.00
- C. Any third or subsequent offense will result in a summons to appear in court. At that time the fine will not be more than \$50.00
- D. For first and second time offenses, the fine shall be paid to the Chichester Police Department, Town of Chichester within five days.
- E. If the fine is not paid to the Chichester Police Department within the five days then the violator will receive a summons to appear in court. At that time, at the discretion of the court, the fine will not be more than \$50.00

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the Board of Selectmen.