

**TOWN OF STRAFFORD
WINTER PARKING BAN ORDINANCE**

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the Town's authority to regulate or exclude the parking of all vehicles, the Town of Strafford enacts this Winter Parking Ban.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

1. **Motor Vehicle** - As used in this ordinance, a motor vehicle shall include any vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, except farm tractors, vehicles running only upon stationary rails or tracks, motorized highway building equipment when used for that purpose, road making appliances, tracked vehicles or electric personal assistive mobility devices.

2. **Park or Parking** - The parking, stopping, or standing of a motor vehicle on a highway or legal trail, or within the highway right of way, whether occupied or unoccupied, attended or unattended, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while engaged in loading or unloading passengers or goods, or while making emergency repairs if disabled, while arrangements are being made to move such vehicle.

SECTION 3. WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The Town of Strafford prohibits the parking on any Town highway or legal trail between 7:00 pm 7:00 am from November 1st through March 31st to ensure that the Town can efficiently plow the roads in the event of a snowstorm.

1. No person shall park a motor vehicle of any type on any town highway or legal trail, including any street, road, alley, lane, park or public grounds, except for the commuter parking lot in South Strafford.

2. A motor vehicle parked in violation of the winter parking ban may be towed and impounded at the owner's expense.

3. A disabled vehicle on the public highway during times of the parking ban must be notified to the Road Foreman at 802-765-4550.

SECTION 4. REDEMPTION OF TOWED & STORED VEHICLES

Any vehicle removed to storage under the Town of Strafford Winter Parking Ban Ordinance may be redeemed by the owner of the vehicle upon payment of all towing charges, storage charges or other expenses incurred in the moving of the vehicle.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT. This is a civil ordinance and shall be enforced by the Town of Strafford Treasurer in the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a et seq.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES AND COSTS

The owner of a motor vehicle parked in violation of the winter parking ban will be subject to a fine, in addition to any towing and impoundment fees.

- A. First offense \$50.00 penalty/ \$25.00 waiver
- B. Second offense \$100.00 penalty/ \$50.00 waiver
- C. Third offense \$200.00 penalty/ \$100.00 waiver

SECTION 7. OTHER LAWS. This ordinance is in addition to all other Ordinances of the Town of Strafford and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY. If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Strafford Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. §1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

SIGNATURES	DATE

Adoption History

Amended: October 24, 2024

1. Agenda item at regular Selectboard meeting held on 06/27/2024, 07/25/2024, 08/08/2024, 09/26/2024, 10/10/2024,
2. Read and approved at regular selectboard meeting on _____ and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on _____.
3. Posted in public places on _____.
4. Notice of adoption published in the Valley News newspaper on _____ with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions [petitions, etc.]____ Reviewed by Tarrant 10/11/2024