

CHAPTER 1 PARKING REGULATIONS

100 Definitions

100.1 **Abandoned Vehicles**

For the purpose of this Chapter only, an abandoned vehicle is one that is parked in violation of any provisions of this Chapter for a period of time greater than 24 hours.

100.2 **Bus or Taxi Stands**

Areas and particular locations along traveled ways, which are officially designated by signs indicating that only buses and taxis may stand or stop at that location.

100.3 **Crosswalk**

Any portion of the roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

100.4 **Districts**

- a. Business District: The territory contiguous to a highway in which fifty percent or more of the frontage thereon for a distance of 300 feet or more is occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.
- b. Urban Residence District: The territory contiguous to a highway not comprising a business district when the frontage on such highway for a distance of 300 feet or more is mainly occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.
- c. Rural Residence District: The territory contiguous to a highway not comprising a business or urban residence district, in which the frontage on such highway for a distance of one-half mile or more, is mainly occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business on any one side.

100.5 **Fire Lanes**

The portion of a traveled way established on private property, devoted to public use, where the parking of motor vehicles or other obstructions may interfere with the ingress and egress of Fire Department or other emergency vehicles at shopping centers, bowling lanes, theaters, hospitals, churches and similar locations.

100.5 (a) **Exemptions**

Restriction described in this section shall not apply to vehicles engaged in commercial loading and unloading where the vehicle is attended and no other means of loading are available.

100.6 Intersection

The area bounded by the prolongation of the lateral curb lines or the lateral boundary lines of two highways.

100.7 Official Time

Time designated herein shall be standard or daylight, whichever shall be in force.

100.8 Persons, Drivers, Pedestrians

- a. Person: Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.
- b. Driver: Every person who drives or is in physical control of a vehicle.
- c. Pedestrian: A person on foot.

100.9 Police Officer

An officer of the municipal police department or any person authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations or traffic regulations.

100.10 Railroads

- a. Railroads: A carrier of persons or property; cars operated upon stationary rails.
- b. Railroad Train: A steam engine, electric, diesel or other motor vehicle with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon stationary rails.

100.11 Right-of-Way

The privilege of the immediate use of the road.

100.12 Safety Zone

The area or space officially set apart within a roadway as a safety zone for the exclusive use of pedestrians and so marked or indicated by inadequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times.

100.13 Traffic

Pedestrians, draft animals, cattle, sheep, goats, vehicle or other conveyances while using the street for the purpose of travel.

100.14 Traffic Control Devices

- a. All signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with these regulations erected pursuant to proper authority for the purpose of regulations, warning or guiding traffic.
- b. Traffic signals, mechanically or electrically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and proceed, erected pursuant to authority.

100.15 Traffic Movements

- a. Stop: When required, means complete cessation of movement.
- b. Stop or Stopping: When prohibited, means any stopping of a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with the other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control sign or signal.

100.16 Traveled Ways

- a. Street or Highway: The entire width between boundary lines of every public way or place of whatever nature used by the members of the public for the purpose of vehicular traffic.
- b. Private Road or Driveway: Every way or place in private ownership and used for traffic by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner.
- c. Roadway: That portion of the street improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel whether defined by a curbstone or not.
- d. Curb: The lateral boundaries of that portion of the street improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel whether defined by a curbstone or not.
- e. Sidewalk: That portion of the street between the curb lines and adjacent property lines, intended for pedestrian use.
- f. Alley: A public, narrow passage or way between buildings within the compact area of the town.

100.17 Vehicles

- a. Vehicles: Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway.
- b. Motor vehicles: Every vehicle that is self-propelled.
- c. Authorized Emergency Vehicles: Fire and Police Department vehicles and such other vehicles so designated by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles or the Board of Selectman of Exeter, New Hampshire.

100.18 Weekdays

Shall mean Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

101 No Parking Zones

It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following provisions of this Section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

101.1 Parking Prohibited in Specific Places

- a. on a public sidewalk
- b. on a public crosswalk
- c. within an intersection
- d. in front of a public or private driveway
- e. within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or sprinkler supply head
- f. within 30 feet of an intersecting street or road
- g. within 75 feet of a fire station entrance
- h. along the side of or opposite any street or excavation or obstruction when such parking will obstruct traffic.
- i. upon any bridge or elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel
- j. at any place where official signs prohibit parking or stopping
- k. within any designated fire lane
- l. on the road side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb, of any street
- m. on the roadway when the vehicle, parallel parked, has its right wheels more than 12 inches from the curb or edge of the road.
- n. on railroad tracks
- o. on the travel portion of any roadway so as to obstruct the movement of traffic in the travel lane.
- p. at a designated bus or taxi stop.
- q. on a public way when any wheel of a parked vehicle is beyond the painted lines in the roadway
- r. in any posted area on Town Property
- s. upon any roadway when the principal purpose is displaying the vehicle for sale
- t. in zones designed for handicapped parking.
- u. in a designated loading or unloading zone
- v. in a Town Office parking lot weekdays from 0600 to 1800 hours without valid permit

101.2 Parking Prohibited on Specific Streets

Auburn Street	Both sides of the street for a distance 350 feet easterly from Portsmouth Ave.
Bow Street	Southerly side of street from Court to South. Northerly side from Court to Clifford.
Browns Court	East side of street
Buzell Avenue	East side of street
Cass Street	Easterly side of street, entire length 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days only.
Center Street	West side of the street between Front Street and the Municipal Parking Lot. East side of the street 120 feet north from Front Street.

Charter Street	East side of street from Front Street to a point 90 feet south of Vine Street. West side of street between Vine and Myrtle Streets
Chestnut Street	East side of street from Pleasant Street to Jady Hill Avenue and west side of street from 380' north of String Bridge to Jady Hill Avenue.
Clifford Street	East side of Street. Loading zone on west side of street.
Cottage Street	East side of street.
Court Street	East side of street from South Street to Front Street. West side of street from intersection of Front Street to 180' feet south of Maple Street.
Elliot Street	West side from Front Street to Grove Street.
Elm Street	West side of street from 15' north of Gilman House parking lot entrance to 15' south of entrance to Student Center/Library/Dining Hall driveway; 15' north and south of entrance to parking area behind Elm Street dining hall.
Epping Road Extension	Both sides of street the length of Epping Road Extension.
Front Street	South side of street for a distance of 60 feet west of Linden Street and between Elm Street and Post Office driveway. North side from Kossuth Street to B&M Railroad Crossing. From Arbor Street to hydrant across from Inn at Exeter. South side from point approximately 100 feet east of Pine Street for approximately 25 feet in easterly direction. South side from Elliot Street westerly for 50'. South side from Elliot easterly for 220'. South side from Elm Street westerly for 50'. North side from Tan Lane westerly for 50'. North side from Tan Lane intersection easterly for 80'. Northerly side of street from approximately 100 feet west of the PEA arches to Tan Lane.
Garfield Court	Entire side of street.
Gill Street	North side of Gill Street (extension) for a distance of 50 feet from Linden. Entire south side of Gill Street (extension). Entire west side from Front Street.
Gilman Street	Both sides from Court Street to the entrance to the foot-bridge.
Green Street	Southerly side of Green Street, entire length 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days only. Both sides 100 feet from intersection of Green and Cass Streets.
Hall Court	Both sides of street from High Street to Hall Place.
Hall Place	Both sides of street from Pleasant Street east 340 feet and 100 feet southerly.
Hampton Road	Both sides of street from High Street to Exeter/Hampton town line.
High Street	Both sides of street from Clifford Street to Portsmouth Avenue. North curb line from Portsmouth Avenue to Hampton Road. South curb line from 180' east of Gardner Street to Hampton Road. South curb line from 180' east of Gardner Street to Hampton Road.

Highland Street	South side from Portsmouth Avenue to Prospect Street.
Kossuth Street	Both sides of street.
Linden Street	East side of street from Pine Street to Gary Lane. West side of street for a distance of 200 feet south of Gill Street and for a distance of 80' south of Front Street.
Main Street	Both sides of street from Harvard to Winter Street. North side from Water to Cass Street; south side from Spring to westerly property boundary of Main Street School. South side from railroad tracks to Harvard Street.
Maple Street	South side of street.
Marlboro Street	West side of street
Mill Street	Southerly from Front Street for 75 feet.
Pine Grove Road	Within rotary, either side.
Pleasant Street	East side of street, from High Street to Hall Place. West side of street for a distance of 50 feet south from Library parking lot entrance.
Portsmouth Avenue	Both sides of street.
Prospect Avenue	East side of street from Auburn to Highland Avenue
Prospect Street	North side of street and south side for distance of 100 feet from Portsmouth Avenue.
Railroad Avenue	West side of street from Front to Winter Streets.
River Street	West side of street.
Rockingham Street	North side of street.
Spring Street	West side of street.
School Street	Westerly side from Front Street to Garfield Street.
South Street	Both sides from Court to River Street Extension. Southerly side, between Court Street and Senior Citizen's parking lot.
String Bridge	Both sides of street from Water Street to Chestnut Street except 60 feet allowed on northerly and southerly sides opposite library.
Tan Lane	East side of street.
Union Street	Westerly side from Front Street to Garfield Street.
Vine Street	North side of street, from Charter to Sanborn Streets.
Water Street	West side of street, from Main Street to Green Street, and from Center Street to the driveway of the Exeter Town Hall. West side of street from Park Street to Main Street. East side of street utility pole # 767 and utility pole # 770. Two loading zones designed & posted in front of # 33 & # 159 except for loading purposes limited to 30 minutes.
Waterfront Park	Entrance to boat ramp except while loading/unloading.
Westside Drive	Both sides of street, 180 feet east of the intersection of Front Street.
Woodlawn Circle	West side, 440 feet from Chestnut Street intersection.

101.3 Winter Parking

All night parking is permitted on Pleasant Street provided proper application is made to the office of the Town Manager and permit is issued in compliance with rules established by the Board of Selectman & Town Manager. All night parking is permitted in designated areas, as marked, in Town Lots (Water St., Kossuth/Front streets, Train Station and Center Street) without a permit. Winter parking ban is December 1 through March 15 each year. For questions regarding snow removal, contact DPW or Police Dispatch.

101.4 Parking Prohibited

It shall be unlawful to park a boat trailer, utility trailer or camper in any municipal parking lot between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00AM with the exception of the parking allowed under Section 103.8.

102 Restricted Parking

It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle contrary to any of the following provisions of this section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

102.2 Winter Parking Ban

Within the Town of Exeter, from December 1 to March 15, no parking is permitted on any public street between 12 midnight and 6:00AM. Refer to 101.3 for parking areas in town's R-O-W.

102.3 Parks and Commons

In any town-owned park, common, playground or recreational area between the hours of 9:00PM and 6:00AM

102.4 School Hours Restrictions

On the following streets during the normal school hours: Linden Street. West side from a point 200 feet south of Gill Street to the intersection of Gary Lane.

102.5 Public Safety Complex

Parking lot unless on official public safety business.

102.6 Snow Emergency

In the event of a predicted or on-going severe winter snowstorm requiring enhanced actions maintaining snow plowing and/or removal as deemed necessary by the DPW Director, a "Snow Emergency" shall be called by the Police Chief. The Chief shall contact the news media, including local radio station(s) to notify the public that a ban exists and shall specify the start of the snow emergency and shall estimate when same will be called off. It shall be unlawful for any person having the custody and/or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the public R-O-W during a snow emergency. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing and/or removal operations shall be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

102.7 Emergency/Special Event Temporary Parking Restrictions

The Chief of Police is authorized and empowered, in coordination with the Town Manager, to make and enforce temporary parking regulations to cover emergencies, special conditions and special events.

103 Limited Parking

It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle contrary to the time restriction in this section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

103.1 Two – Hour Parking Limit

Center Street	Both sides of street from Water Street to the municipal parking lot.
Front Street	Center Isle at the Bandstand: Westerly side from Water Street to the driveway of Congregational Church. Easterly side from Water to Court Street. Northerly side of the street beginning 20 feet from the corner of Spring Street and running approximately 220 feet southwest along Front Street.
Spring Street	From William's Court south 100' to Front Street, on east side.
String Bridge	Both sides from Water to Chestnut in 60' of spaces allowed opposite Library.
Water Street	Both sides from Clifford Street to Main Street except between Center Street and Town Hall driveway.

103.2 Two – Hour Parking Limit School Hours

103.3 One – Hour Parking Limit

Franklin Street	In front on Long Block on the northerly side.
Front Street	North side of street for a distance of 80 feet west of Railroad Avenue.

103.4 One – Hour Parking Limit School Hours

Gill Street	North side of Gill Street (extension) from Gill Street to 50' from Linden. Entire east side from Front Street.
Linden Street	West side of street from Front Street to Gill Street.

103.5 30 – Minute Parking Limit School Hours

Linden Street	West side in the designated spaces.
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103.6 30 – Minute Parking Limit

Bow Street	South side adjacent to the Public Safety Complex.
Front Street	Monday through Saturday: North side from the driveway of First Congregational Church to Center Street. South side from Court Street to 5 spaces east of driveway of the U.S. Post Office. In front of 148-152 Front Street, south side.
Front Street	During State and Federal Elections, Primary and General. Center Isle at the Bandstand; Westerly side from Water Street to the driveway of Congregational Church. Easterly side from Water to Court Street.

103.7 15 – Minute Parking Limit

Front Street	South side, 4 spaces east of Post Office entrance, Monday through Saturday.
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103.8 Restricted Parking – Vehicles with boat trailers

Robert H. Stewart Park	4 designated spaces reserved for vehicles w/boat trailers between April 1st and November 5th.
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103.9 Restricted Parking – Motorcycle Parking Only

Front Street	1 designated space in front of 14 Front (up to 2 motorcycles)
Water Street	1 designated space in front of 55 Water St. (1 motorcycle only)
Water Street	1 designated space on southerly side of municipal parking lot (up to 3 cycles)

103.10 Robert H. Stewart Park: Parking space at island to Boat Launch for Harbor Master.

110 Penalties

A person violating any provision of Chapter 1 of the Traffic Code shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100) dollars for each offense, except that optional procedures set forth in Section 110.1 may be used in lieu of court proceedings for violations of Chapter 1.

110.1 Procedures in Paying Penalties

The operator or owner may, within 72 hours of the time when a notice of a violation of Chapter 1 was attached to the vehicles, pay to the Clerk of the Exeter Police Department by mail or personal appearance the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars as a penalty in lieu of court proceedings, except in reference to 101.1 (t) where the penalty is a minimum of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars per offense (eff. 1/1/04). In the case of a second offense in the same day, the fine shall be fifteen (\$15.00) dollars and in the case of a third offense

in the same day, the fine shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

Failure by the operator or owner to make such payment will result in a second written notice of the violation. Failure by the operator or owner to make such payment within five (5) days after the second notice is sent, may result in the issuance of a summons to the operator to appear in Exeter District Court to answer to charges of violating the ordinance.

110.2 Owner Responsibility

A person shall not allow, permit or suffer a vehicle registered in his name to stop, stand or park in violation of any ordinances of the Town of Exeter controlling the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles and the owner or person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held prima-facie responsible for such violation.

110.3 Towing

The Police Department is authorized to remove and tow away, or have removed and towed away by commercial towing service, any abandoned vehicle, or other vehicle illegally parked in a place where it creates or constitutes a traffic hazard, blocks the use of a fire hydrant, blocks the use of a driveway, either public or private, or obstructs or may obstruct snow removal operations in a safe place, and shall be restored to the owner or operator upon payment of all fees for towing and storage.