

Town of Limerick Parking Ordinance

Section I. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the parking of vehicles on public roads and publicly owned property to ensure public safety and prevent damage to property caused by damage by obstruction or unauthorized use by vehicles.

Section II: Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §3009(1)(C).

Section III. Parking Prohibited at Specific Locations

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any of the following places, nor shall any person move a vehicle, whether or not owned by that person, into any of said places, except when required to avoid conflict with other traffic, in the case of an emergency requiring the immediate stoppage of the vehicle in the location, or as may be required by a public safety official.

- A. In front of any public or private driveway.
- B. In any location where parking has been prohibited by order of the Board of Selectmen and where signage has been installed prohibiting such parking.
- C. Within an intersection.

Section IV.

No vehicle shall be parked on any public road in any manner that interferes with or otherwise hinders plowing, sanding, other treatment or removal of snow. No vehicle shall be parked on a public road between the hours of midnight and 8:00 a.m. or when plowing or sanding operations are in place, from November 1 through April 1.

Section V: Enforcement

Any violation of this Ordinance is a civil violation, which may be enforced through the issuance of a civil violation notice by a duly authorized law enforcement official. The minimum penalty for each violation shall be \$____. The Board of Selectpersons may establish a method by which a waiver fee may be paid in place of a court action for enforcement.

In addition to the civil violation notice, any vehicle parked or standing in violation of this Ordinance and in a manner that obstructs either the road or any intersecting driveway may be towed by any person authorized by the Town to do so. In the event of such removal, the owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for payment of the costs of removal and storage of the vehicle. The owner or any authorized representative shall be responsible for demonstrating proof of ownership prior to the release of the vehicle and shall sign a receipt acknowledging receipt of the vehicle.

The Town shall make every effort to notify the owner of a vehicle of its impoundment as soon as possible, through the provision of written notice that specifies the location where the impounded vehicle can be located and the requirements for release of the impounded vehicle. In the event that an owner cannot be determined, the Town shall publish notice of the impoundment in a newspaper in general circulation in the Town, which notice shall include the name, type and year of the vehicle and any other relevant identifying information.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the parking of a vehicle in violation of the requirements of this Ordinance is prima facie evidence that the vehicle has been parked illegally by the person in whose name the vehicle is registered.

Section VI: Effective Date

The effective date of this ordinance shall be upon vote of the Board of Selectmen. This was approved by the Board of Selectmen on February 22, 2021.