

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 1. Definitions

As used in this ordinance, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings:

Authorized emergency vehicle shall mean vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of Municipal Departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

Bicycle shall mean every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two (2) tandem wheels either of which is more than twenty (20) inches in diameter.

Bus shall mean every motor vehicle designed for carrying more than fourteen (14) passengers and used for the transportation of passengers; and every motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, designed for the transportation of persons for compensation.

Business or residence district shall mean the territory of the Town contiguous to any way which is built up with structures which are situated less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet apart for a distance of at least one-quarter (1/4) of a mile.

Crosswalk shall mean:

- (1) That part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs, or in the absence of curbs, from the edge of traversable roadways;
- (2) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

Driveway shall mean every road or driveway not open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

Intersection shall mean the area embraced within the prolongation of the lateral curb lines or, if no curb lines are established, then the lateral boundary lines of two (2) or more streets or highways which join one another at an angle whether or not one such street or highway crosses the other.

Motor vehicle shall mean any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on tracks, including motorcycles, but not including snowmobiles as defined in Title 12, Section 1971 of the State law.

Operator shall mean every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle upon a highway or who is exercising control over or steering a vehicle being towed by a motor vehicle.

Owner for the purposes of registration owner shall mean any person, firm, corporation or association holding title to a vehicle or having exclusive right to the use thereof for a period greater than thirty (30) days or the mortgagor or the vendee in a conditional sales contract, and shall mean any person, firm, corporation or association owning a vehicle, or having the right to use the same, under contract, lease or hiring; except this definition shall not apply when said vehicle is engaged exclusively for the use set forth in Title 35, section 1560, subsection 1, paragraph E, of the State law or Acts amendatory thereto. It shall not mean or include a person engaged in the business of renting Maine registered vehicles without drivers, as provided for in 29 M.R.S.A. section 901. Nothing contained in this definition shall require an owner or a common or contract carrier by vehicle operating under permit or certificate of the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Public Utilities Commission to register a vehicle leased by such owner or carrier for the purpose of augmenting such owner's or carrier's equipment, if such vehicle is properly registered by the owner or carrier in this or some other State.

Parking shall mean the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, attended or unattended upon a street, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while expeditiously taking on or leaving passengers or loading or unloading merchandise then in readiness for immediate loading or delivery or otherwise than in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals.

Pedestrian shall mean any person afoot.

Right-of-way shall mean the privilege of the immediate use of the street or highway.

Roadway shall mean that portion of a street or highway between the regularly established curb lines or, where no curb lines are established, that part devoted to vehicular traffic.

Safety Zone shall mean the area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked or indicated by proper signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

Sidewalk shall mean that portion of a street between the curb lines and the adjacent property lines.

Stop when required means complete cessation from movement.

Stop or stopping when prohibited shall mean any halting, even momentarily, of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control or signal.

Street or highway shall mean the entire width between boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

Traffic shall mean pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles and other conveyances either singly or together while using any highway for purposes of travel.

Traffic-control devices shall mean all signs, signals, markings, and devices placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulation, warning or guiding traffic.

Vehicle shall include all kinds of conveyances on ways for persons and for property, except those propelled or drawn by human power or used exclusively on tracks or snowmobiles as defined in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Section 1971. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §1; Selectmen’s Meeting, 3-10-56, No. 13)

Sec. 2. General penalty.

Whenever in this ordinance any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful, or whenever in this ordinance the doing of an act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, where no specific penalty is provided therefor, the violation of such provision of this ordinance shall constitute a civil violation for which a forfeiture set by the Board of Selectmen (See Town of Skowhegan User Fees), plus costs, may be adjudged. Each offense shall constitute a separate violation.

Sec. 3. Authority to remove, impound vehicles; costs of impoundment.

Upon request of the road commissioner, a police officer may remove or cause to be removed any vehicle or vehicles left upon any street or way when such vehicle is not in the apparent charge of any driver or other person which interferes with plowing or removal of snow by the highway department.

All costs incurred with the removal of said vehicle will be the responsibility of the owner thereof.

Sec 4. Public employees to obey regulations.

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the operator of any vehicle owned by or used in the service of the United States Government, this State, or Town, and it shall be unlawful for any such operator to violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, except as herein otherwise permitted.

(Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §4)

Sec. 5. Applicability of ordinance to authorized emergency vehicles.

The provisions of this ordinance controlling the movement, parking and standing of vehicles shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles while the driver of such vehicle is operating the same in an emergency in the necessary performance of public duties.

This exemption shall not, however, protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequence of a reckless disregard for the safety of others. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §5)

Sec. 6. Moving of vehicles to avoid provisions of this ordinance a violation.

The moving of vehicles from one location to another to avoid provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §53)

Sec. 7. Boarding, alighting from moving vehicles.

It shall be unlawful for any person to board or alight from any vehicle while such vehicle is in motion. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §18)

Sec. 8. Clinging to moving vehicles.

No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any moving vehicle upon a way. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §41)

Sec. 9. Riding in portion of vehicle not intended for passenger use.

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride on any vehicle upon any portion thereof not designated or intended for the use of passengers when the vehicle is in motion. This provision shall not apply to any employee engaged in the necessary discharge of a duty, or within truck bodies in space intended for merchandise. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §19)

ARTICLE II. OPERATION GENERALLY

Sec. 10. Authority to determine and designate the character and type of traffic-control devices; devices to be uniform; authority to place, maintain devices.

(A) The Board of Selectmen shall determine and designate the character and type of all official traffic signs, signals, traffic calming devices and parking meters. All signs, signals, traffic calming devices and parking meters required hereunder for a particular purpose shall, so far as practicable, meet the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices manual and be uniform throughout the Town.

(B) The Board is hereby authorized to place and maintain or cause to be placed or maintained all official traffic signs, signals, traffic calming devices and parking meters. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, § 6(a))

Sec. 11. Provisions unenforceable when signs not in proper place and legible; when provisions effective without signs being erected.

No provisions of this ordinance for which signs are specifically required shall be enforceable against an alleged violator, if at the time and place of the alleged violation, the sign herein required is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinary observant person. Whenever a particular section of this ordinance does not state that signs are required, such section shall be effective without signs being erected to give notice thereof.

(Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §6 (b))

Sec. 12. Unauthorized signs, signals, markings, devices.

(A) No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any highway any unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or so interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal as to endanger the public, and no person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising. This shall not be deemed to prohibit the erection upon private property adjacent to highways of signs giving useful directional information or promoting highway safety and of a type that cannot be mistaken for official signs. Any person, firm, corporation or political subdivision of the State, while working on, under, over or immediately adjacent to any highway may erect temporary warning or directional signs or signals for the purpose of safeguarding or protecting its workmen and facilitating and protecting travel along the highway by the traveling public.

(B) Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is declared to be a public nuisance and the authority having jurisdiction over the street or highway may order the same removed and, if not removed within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of the notice, is empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §9; Town Meeting, 3-9-53, No.7)

Sec. 13. Traffic-control signal legend.

Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green, red and yellow shall be used, except for special pedestrian signals carrying word legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

(A) Green indication.

(1) Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.

(2) Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or in combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same time. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

(3) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal, as provided in 29 M.R.S.A. Section 950, pedestrians facing any green signal, except when the sole green signal is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

(B) Steady yellow indication.

(1) Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal is thereby warned that the related green movement is being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection.

(2) Pedestrians facing a steady yellow signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in 29 M.R.S.A. Section 950, are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown and no pedestrian shall then start to cross the roadway.

(C) Steady red indication.

(1) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until a green indication is shown.

(2) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in 29 M.R.S.A. Section 950, pedestrians facing a steady red signal alone shall not enter the roadway.

(D) Official traffic-control signal.

In the event an official traffic-control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, this section shall be applicable except as to those provisions, which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement, indication where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking, the stop shall be made at the signal.

Sec. 14. Authority to designate, mark areas for rotary traffic; operators of vehicles to comply.

The Board of Selectmen is authorized to designate certain areas for rotary traffic. The Board shall place suitable marks indicating such areas in streets or squares with proper signs requiring vehicles to pass to the right of said areas, and no operator of a vehicle shall fail to comply therewith.

(Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §46)

Sec. 15. Selectmen authorized to designate and maintain crosswalks.

The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to establish and to designate and shall thereafter maintain, or cause to be maintained, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where in its opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at such other places as it may deem necessary.

(Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §11)

Sec. 16. Ordinances establishing crosswalks not affected by this ordinance.

Nothing in this ordinance shall affect any ordinance designating or establishing crosswalks, and all such ordinances are hereby recognized as continuing in full force and effect to the same extent as if set out at length in this ordinance.

Sec. 17. Authority to locate and designate safety zones and mark traffic lanes.

(A) For the protection of pedestrians, the Board of Selectmen is authorized to locate safety zones by suitable designations within the roadways of squares or highways.

(B) The Board is also authorized to mark lanes for traffic on street pavements at such places as it may deem advisable, consistent with the provisions of this ordinance. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §12)

Sec. 18. Ordinances designating safety zones not affected by this ordinance.

Nothing in this ordinance shall affect any ordinance establishing or designating safety zones, and all such ordinances are hereby recognized as continuing in full force and effect to the same extent as if set out at length in this ordinance.

Sec. 19. Authority to designate through ways.

The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to designate as through ways such other streets or parts of streets as in its discretion it feels that such designation is necessary to promote public safety. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §39 (d); Selectmen’s Meeting, 3-9-53)

Sec. 20. Authority to place, maintain signs on streets intersecting through ways.

The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and required to place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained on each and every street intersecting a through way designated herein at or near the property line of the through way stop or other appropriate signs. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §39(c))

Sec. 21. Schedule of through ways.

The following streets and parts of streets are hereby declared to constitute through ways for the purpose of this ordinance:

- BAILEY STREET
- BEECH STREET.
- CHANDLER STREET: From the east line of Madison Avenue to the west line of North Avenue.
- COTE STREET
- DORE STREET
- DYER STREET: From the east line of Madison Avenue to the west line of North Avenue.
- EAST RIVER ROAD
- FAIRVIEW AVENUE

- WATERVILLE ROAD:
- FAIRVIEW AVE.
- GREENWOOD AVE.
- HANOVER STREET
- HATHAWAY STREET
- HIGH STREET: the east line of Madison Avenue to the west line of Water Street.

JEWETT STREET: the east line of Madison Avenue to the west line of North Avenue.

LEAVITT STREET: the east line of Madison Avenue to the west line of North Avenue.

- MADISON AVENUE
- MAIN STREET
- MALBONS MILL ROAD
- MEADOW VIEW DRIVE
- MILBURN ST.
- MT. PLEASANT AVENUE
- NORRIDGEWOCK AVENUE
- NORTH AVENUE
- RUSSELL ROAD: from Spring Street north.

OAK POND ROAD

PLEASANT STREET

POOLER AVE.

PROSPECT STREET: the east line of Madison Avenue to the west line of North Avenue.

SILVER STREET

SPRING STREET: From the east line of Summer Street to the west line of Madison Avenue.

SOUTH FACTORY STREET

DANE AVENUE:

ST. MARKS STREET

WATER STREET: From the east line of Madison Avenue to the west line of Malbons Mills Road.

WEST FRONT STREET.

WINTER STREET: From the east line of Madison Avenue to the west line of North Avenue.

(Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §39(a); Selectmen’s Meeting, 4-7-53, Nos. 22, 23; Selectmen’s Meeting, 11-1-54, No. 23)

Adams Street	East Madison Road	Maple Street	Short Street
Alder Street	East Maples Street	Mary Street	Silver Street
Ash Street	East Ridge Road	McClellan Street	Smith Street
Avore Street	East River Road	Meadowview Street	South Factory Street
Back Road	East Street	Mechanic Street	South Street
Bailey Street	Eaton Mountain Road	Merrill Street	Spring Street
Beauford Street	Edward Court	Michael Street	St. James Street
Beech Street	Elm Street	Milburn Street	St. John Street
Bennett Avenue	Dickey Street	Mill Street	St. Mark Street
Bigelow Hill Road	Fairview Avenue	Mitchell Street	Stevens Road
Blair Street	Forrest Greene Street	Molunkus Road	Steward Hill Road
Bloomfield Street	Free Street	Moody Street	Summer Street
Bridge Street	French Street	Mt. Pleasant Avenue	Swain Hill Road

Brown Street	Gem Street	Norridgewock Avenue	Timberview Drive
Bungalow Street	Glen View Drive	North Avenue	Turner Avenue
Burrill Hill Road	Grassland Lane	Notch Road	Union Street
Bush Street	Green Street	Oak Pond Road	Varney Road
Canaan Road	Greenwood Avenue	Oak Street	Wallace Farm Road
Cardinal Street	Hanover Street	Olive Street	Walnut Street
Cedar Street	Harding Street	Palmer Road	Walton Court
Center Street	Hathaway Street	Park Street	Water Street
Carpenter Street	Heather Drive	Parkman Hill Road	Waterville Road
Chamberlain Street	Heselton Street	Parlin Street	Waye Street
Chandler Street	High Street	Patrick Street	West Front Street
Chestnut Street	Hilton Hill Road	Pattern Court	West Street
Cleveland Street	Industrial Park Road	Pennell Street	Weston Street
Coburn Avenue	Island Avenue	Philbrick Drive	Willow Street
Commercial Street	Jackson Street	Pine Street	Wilson Street
Cote Court	Jason Street	Pleasant Street	Willette Street
Court Street	Jewett Street	Pomelow Street	Winter Street
Cowette Street	Jimmy Street	Pooler Avenue	Wood Street
Cresent Street	Josie Street	Poplar Avenue	Woodvale Street
Cross Street	Joyce Street	Porter Road	Wyman Street
Dane Avenue	Judkins Court	Poulin Drive	York Street
Dartmouth Street	Kennebec Street	Pratt Court	
Dawes Street	Lambert Road	Precelly Drive	
Dennis Street	Land Street	Prospect Street	
Dinsmore Street	Landfill Access Road	Railroad Street	
Dominic Street	Larone Road	Reed Street	
Dore Street	Lawton Street	Robin Court	
Dr. Mann Road	Leavitt Street	Robinson Street	
Dudley Corner Road	Lessor Street	Rowe Road	
Dyer Street	Locust Street	Russell Road	
East Chandler Street	Madison Avenue	Sandy Lane	
East Dyer Street	Main Street	School Street	
East Leavitt Street	Malbons Mills Road		

Sec. 22. Discontinue certain streets to motor vehicle traffic.

The following streets will be closed to motor vehicle traffic except emergency vehicles.

MILL STREET: From the intersection of Main Street easterly to the east corner to the New Balance Shoe Company warehouse building.

Sec. 23. Four way stop intersection; schedule of streets.

DANE AVE (Adopted Selectmen’s Meeting, 9-25-90)	DYER STREET
DANE AVE. (Adopted at Selectmen’s Meeting, 8-27-91)	CHANDLER STREET
GREENWOOD AVE	COWETTE STREET
GREENWOOD AVE	LUCUST STREET
HANOVER STREET	SMITH STREET
HATHAWAY STREET (Adopted Selectmen’s Meeting, 2-10-04)	MITCHELL STREET
HATHAWAY STREET (Adopted Selectmen’s Meeting, 2-10-04)	SOUTH STREET

Sec. 24. Authority to place turning markers directing left turns.

The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to place or cause to be placed turning markers at the entrances of intersections, directing that traffic turning left shall follow a line of travel other than as directed in section 25. Whenever turning markers have been placed as herein provided, traffic turning left shall follow the line as directed by such markers.

(Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §32(c)).

Sec. 25. Required position and method of turning at intersections.

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so as follows:

- (1) *Right turns.* Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.
- (2) *Left turns on two-way roadways.* At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of such center line where it enters the intersection and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the center line of the roadway being entered. Whenever practicable the left turn shall be made in that portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.
- (3) *Left turns on other than two-way roadways.* At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic

moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §32 (a,b,d))

Sec. 26. Signs to be erected indicating one-way traffic.

A sign indicating the direction of traffic shall be erected and maintained at every intersection where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited. (Town Meeting 9-23-44, §40; Selectmen’s Meeting 3-10-56, §40, no.15)

Sec. 27. Operation on one-way streets restricted; schedule of streets.

Upon the following streets vehicular traffic shall move only in the following specified direction:

CROSS STREET: From Court Street to North Avenue.

MADISON AVENUE: From the intersection of Commercial Street and Madison Avenue to Water Street.

MECHANIC STREET: From Waterville Road to French Street.

REED STREET: From Jewett Street to Chandler Street.

COMMERCIAL STREET: From the intersection of Water Street and Commercial Street to Madison Avenue.

WATER STREET: From Madison Avenue to the intersection of Commercial Street and Water Street.
(Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §40; Selectmen’s Meeting, 3-10-56, No.15)

Restricted to right turn only:

SKOWHEGAN PLAZA: Right turn only at the West exit onto Main Street from the Skowhegan Plaza.

DODGE COURT: Right turn only onto the North Channel Margaret Chase Smith Bridge.
(Adopted at Regular Selectmen’s Meeting, 7-11-89)

CLEVELAND STREET: Right turn only onto Madison Avenue.

COURT STREET: Right turn only onto Commercial Street.

LOCUST STREET: Right turn only onto Madison Avenue.

MADISON AVENUE: Right turn only onto Locust Street.

SHERWIN WILLIAMS: Right turn only onto Madison Avenue.

Sec. 28. Operation on streets restricted; schedule of streets.

No through trucks on the following streets:

Cleveland Street from Madison Avenue to Greenwood Avenue.

Greenwood Avenue from Jewett Street to Cleveland Street

Gem Street from North Avenue to Greenwood Avenue.

(Adopted at Regular Selectman’s meeting 6-25-91.)

Heselton Street from North Avenue to the intersection of Malbons Mills Road.

(Adopted Regular Selectman’s meeting 5-26-92)

Cowette Street from North Avenue to Greenwood Avenue.

Locust Street from Madison Avenue to Greenwood Avenue.

(Adopted Regular Selectman’s meeting 11-26-02)

Do Not Enter on the following streets:

Do Not Enter Heselton Street from the Malbons Mills Road.

Sec. 29. Overtaking vehicles stopped to permit pedestrians to cross roadway.

Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §14(b))

Sec. 30. Driving through funeral processions.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to drive between or attempt to cut across the line of a hearse and the other vehicles and pedestrians constituting a funeral procession. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §42)

Sec. 31. Duty upon entering public way from private road, etc.

The driver of a vehicle entering a public way from a private road, alley, driveway or building shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on such public way and shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian approaching on said public way or sidewalk; and before crossing any sidewalk, or before entering such public way where no sidewalk shall exist, shall proceed cautiously across said sidewalk or into said public way. “Private road” as used in this section shall be construed to include a private road, a private way of any description, an alleyway or a driveway. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §35)

Sec. 32. Speed in municipal parking lot.

It shall be unlawful for any person driving a vehicle within the municipal parking lot to drive at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §29 (d); Town Meeting, 3-10-58)

Sec. 33. Driving on sidewalks.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to drive the same on any sidewalk, except for the purpose of crossing the same when necessary, and then only in the shortest way between the street and the abutting estate. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §36)

Sec. 34. Authority to work areas for snow removal; operation in areas prohibited.

(a) For the purpose of facilitating the removal of snow, the road commissioner, upon authority of the Board of Selectmen, may place properly marked signs along any street or streets or portions thereof as he shall from time to time deem necessary.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to enter upon, stop or park within the spaces indicated by such sign. (Town Meeting, 9-23-44, §56(b))

Sec. 35. Rules and Regulations restricting heavy loads on closed ways.

SUMMARY: The following rules and regulations restrict heavy loads on posted State and State Aid Highways from November 15 to June 1.

DEFINITIONS

- A. The definitions contained in Title 29-A, Section 101, of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated shall govern the construction of the words contained in this regulation.
- B. Gross weight is the combined weight of the vehicle and its load.

DESIGNATED CLOSED WAYS

In order to prevent excessive damage to Town Maintained Roads the Road Commissioner may close all or part of a highway to heavy weight vehicles during any time from November 15 to June 1. No vehicles shall travel over closed ways except those permitted by this regulation.

NOTICE

Notice shall be given by erecting at each end of the closed highway a poster indicating the following: 1) the date of the posting, 2) a description of the highway closed, 3) a

summary of the vehicles exempt from the closing, 4) the name, business address, and telephone number of the Division Engineer, 5) statutory and regulator references.

EXEMPTIONS - FROZEN HIGHWAYS

This regulation shall not apply to any closed highway which is solidly frozen.

EXEMPT VEHICLES

The following vehicles are exempt from this regulation:

- A. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight of 23,000 pounds or less.
- B. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 23,000 pounds and traveling without a load other than tools or equipment necessary for the proper operation of the vehicle. This exemption does not apply to special mobile equipment. It shall be a defense to a violation of this subsection if the combined actual weights of any vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 23,000 pounds and its load are in fact less than 23,000 pounds.
- C. Any vehicle under the direction of the Skowhegan Highway Department and with permission of the Skowhegan Highway Department engaged in emergency maintenance of the public highway.
- D. Highway maintenance vehicles under the direction of the Skowhegan Highway Department.
- E. Any vehicle transporting home heating fuel (Oil, gas, coal, wood) to a private consumer, bulk milk or bulk feed which is registered in excess of 23,000 pounds carrying a partial load with a weight equal to or less than indicated on an exemption certificate issued by the Skowhegan Highway Department as documented by delivery slips or bills of lading accompanying the vehicle. The allowable weight indicated on the exemption certificate will be calculated based on various reduced loads per inch tire width, manufacturer's rating.

BASIS STATEMENT: This regulation is designed to prevent excessive damage to highways from heavy weight vehicles during seasons when special protection is required.

AUTHORITY: 29-A M.R.S.A. §2395

PENALTIES:

Any person in violation of this section shall be subject to a civil forfeiture determined by the Board of Selectmen, See Section 2.
(Regular Selectmen's Meeting, 3-27-84)

ARTICLE III. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

DIVISION I. GENERALLY

Sec. 36. Authority to change parking time limits; posting of new times required.

The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to amend this article for the purpose of changing the designation of any parking time limit and for the purpose of designating the hours when parking time limits shall be in effect, when in it's discretion, such change or designation is necessary, and any such change or designation in the parking time limit or effective hours of said parking time limit shall be posted as required in Section 37.

Sec. 37. Parking time limits to be posted.

The parking time limits in effect in the Town shall be appropriately posted in all areas affected.

Sec. 38. Authority to determine, mark or sign streets where angle parking is permitted.

The Board of Selectmen shall determine upon which streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark or sign such streets or cause the same to be marked or signed.

Sec. 39. Manner of parking vehicles generally.

The operator of a vehicle shall park such vehicle headed in the direction of traffic with the curb-side wheels of the vehicle within one (1) foot of the edge of the roadway, except when:

- (1) Streets are marked or signed for angle parking;
- (2) An accident or obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals dictates otherwise.

Sec. 40. Vehicles to be parked within angle marks.

Upon those streets which have been marked or signed for angle parking, vehicles shall be parked at an angle to the curb indicated by such marks or signs.

Sec. 41. Parking within stalls required in Municipal Lot.

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in the Municipal Parking Lot except within the limits of the designated parking stalls as indicated by curb or street marking lines.

Sec. 42. Vehicles longer than twenty (20) feet not to park in angle spaces.

No vehicle having an overall length of more than twenty (20) feet shall park in areas marked or signed for angle parking.

Sec. 43. Stopping, standing, parking prohibited at all times on certain streets.

When signs are posted giving notice thereof, no vehicle shall be parked, stopped, or allowed to stand on the following streets or portions of streets at any time:

CEDAR STREET: East side from the south line of Mill Street to the north line of the Waterville Road.

CLEVELAND STREET: South side from the east curb line of Wilson Street to the west curb line of Greenwood Avenue.

CROSS STREET: South side from Court Street to the westerly line of the post office driveway

HEATHER DRIVE: South side from Fairview Avenue west to Main St.

WATERVILLE ROAD: Both sides within one hundred and sixty (160) feet from the intersection of the east curb line of Main Street.

East side of said road measuring northerly three hundred (300) feet from the Central Maine Power Pole No. 130, no parking for a distance of two hundred and forty-two (242) feet.

West side of said road measuring southerly eighty (80) feet from Central Maine Power Pole No. 128, no parking for a distance of one hundred and thirteen feet (113) from this point.

South side within one hundred (100) feet easterly of the east curb line of Poplar Street and within one hundred (100) feet westerly of the west curb line of Poplar Street.

ELM STREET: North side from a point fifty (50) feet westerly of the west drive of the Skowhegan Savings Bank to the east curb line of Coburn Avenue.

South side from Central Maine Power Pole No. 5 to the junction of Norridgewock Avenue.

GREENWOOD AVENUE: West side from the south curb line of Cleveland Street to a point one hundred and ninety (190) feet southerly.

JEWETT STREET: North side within one hundred (100) feet of the east curb line of Madison Avenue.

South side within fifty (50) feet of the east curb line of Madison Avenue.

MADISON AVENUE: Both sides from the junction of Commercial Street and Elm Street in a northerly direction, to the Skowhegan- Madison town line.

MAIN STREET: Both sides within twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of the southerly curb lines of the Waterville Road with Main Street and West Front Street with Main Street.

East side between the northern curb-line of the Waterville Road to the northerly end of the North Channel Margaret Chase Smith Bridge on Island Avenue.

West side between the northern curb-line of West Front Street to the northerly end of the North Channel Margaret Chase Smith Bridge on Island Avenue.

COMMERCIAL STREET: North side from the junction of Commercial Street and Water Street to the junction of Madison Avenue and Commercial Street.

WEST FRONT STREET: Both sides within fifty (50) feet from the intersection of the west curb line of Main Street.

EAST MAPLE STREET: North side from North Avenue easterly to Memorial Field.

Sec. 44. Stopping, standing, parking on certain streets for longer than two (2) hours.

When signs are posted giving notice thereof, no vehicle shall, except on legal holidays and Sundays, be parked, stopped or allowed to stand on the streets or portions of streets for a period of time longer than two (2) hours between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Sec. 45. Parking on streets between midnight and 6:00 A.M. from November 1st to May 1st restricted; maximum parking limit on Municipal Parking Lot.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to park the same on any street or public way and on any municipally owned property within the Town for a period longer than fifteen (15) minutes between the hours of twelve (12:00 A.M.) midnight and 6:00 A.M. from the first day of November in any year to the first day of May of the following year.

Exceptions:

Vehicles may be parked in the northern half of the Municipal Parking Lot, south of High Street for a continuous period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours during the period November 1st to May 1st of the following year.

Vehicles may be parked in the designated Park and Ride Lots for a continuous period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours during the period November 1st to May 1st of the following year, per the State of Maine Park and Ride Policy.

SPECIFIC PENALTY: Any motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to the fee as indicated in Sec. 2. The Skowhegan Police Department may cause any motor vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this section during the course of a snow storm or thereafter during the period of time when snow is being removed from the public ways and parking lots be removed at the expense of the owner of the vehicle. This removal provision may be enforced in addition to the other penalty provision provided herein.

Sec. 46. Authority to locate, designate loading zones; when parking in zones unlawful.

(a) For the purpose of restricting parking in front of doorways and entrances of buildings where people congregate, or where unusual loading or unloading of merchandise exists, the Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to determine the location of loading zones and the times during which such zones shall be so used, and shall cause to be erected and maintained appropriate signs indicating the same.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to park such vehicle in any place marked as a loading zone during the period designated for its use as such.

Sec. 47. Double parking: Defined, regulated, evidence of violation, penalty.

1. Definition: Double parking shall be deemed to mean the parking of any motor vehicle outside any area designated for parking by painted lines and contrary to the provisions of Section 39 of this ordinance or in such a manner that the curbside wheels of such motor vehicle are more than ten (10) feet from the paved edge of the street.
2. Regulated: It shall be unlawful to double park any motor vehicle, except for the purpose of loading or unloading; provided that it shall be unlawful to double park between the hours of 11:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. And 3:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday on Water Street between the intersections of Madison Avenue and North Avenue, or on Commercial Street, or on Madison Avenue between the intersections of Water Street and Commercial and Elm Streets.
3. Evidence of Violation: The unlawful parking of any motor vehicle shall be prima facie evidence of the unlawful parking by the person, firm, partnership or corporation to whom the vehicle is registered.

4. Penalty: Any person, firm, partnership or corporation convicted of violating this Section shall be subject to a civil forfeiture as described in Section 2, each offense shall constitute a separate violation.

Sec. 48. Stopping , standing, parking on specific places prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park such vehicle in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control sign or signal.

1. On or within twenty-five (25) feet of any intersection on a public way.
2. On or within twenty (20) feet of any crosswalk.
3. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within twenty (20) feet of a point on the curb immediately opposite the end of a safety zone, unless the Board of Selectmen shall indicate a different length by signs.
4. Within twenty-five (25) feet of a point where the curb lines if extended would intersect at a street corner, or within such distance in any specific location as shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, and indicated by markings on the pavement or curb or by suitable signs, or both.
5. Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signal located at the side of the roadway.
6. In front of, so as to obstruct the use of any driveway or alley entrances or ten (10) feet to either side thereof.
7. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such standing or parking would obstruct traffic.
8. Within ten (10) feet of any white pole or sign indicating a bus stop on the side from which passengers board or alight, except that in lieu of this provision, the Board of Selectmen may, where it deems necessary, indicate by proper signs, spaces which will provide proper access to buses.
9. Within fifteen (15) feet of any fire hydrant when the location of such fire hydrant is indicated by signs or suitable markings.
10. At angles in streets and at or near intersections where the standing of motor vehicles would obstruct the free movement of traffic, and in the front of and opposite of fire stations, passenger bus turnouts, where the Board of Selectmen shall deem necessary and shall so indicate by signs.

- 11. Within twenty-five (25) feet of the terminus of the corner radius along the curb line at street intersections.

Sec. 49. Leaving vehicle stationary so as to obstruct way prohibited; leaving animal drawn teams unattended.

No person shall leave his vehicle stationary on a way so as to obstruct the free passage of other vehicles, or allow an animal drawn team to be in the way unattended unless it is reasonably fastened.

Sec. 50. Stopping of buses.

Except at a loading station it shall be unlawful for the operator of a bus to bring the same to a stop, to receive or discharge passengers at any place other than close to the curb alongside of the traveled way when same is accessible. When a curb is not accessible to stop for such purpose, it shall be unlawful for the operator of a bus to stop, to receive or discharge passengers in any position which does not permit other vehicles to pass on the side opposite the side where passengers are to be received or discharged.

Sec. 51. Unlawful to park in bus stops, taxi stands; taxi operator to park only in assigned stands.

- a) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to park the same in an officially designated bus stop, or for the operator of any vehicle other than a taxi to park the same in an officially established taxi stand.
- b) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any taxi to park the same in any other officially established taxi stand than that assigned to it.

Sec. 52. Parking vehicles displayed for sale on streets.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle upon a street for the sole purpose of displaying the vehicle for sale.

Sec. 53. Fifteen (15) minute parking.

It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle in the following parking space longer than fifteen (15) minutes where lines are painted or durably marked on the curb or street designating a parking space and a sign is posted designating fifteen (15) minute parking.

Elm Street

- Proceeding westerly from the junction of Madison Avenue, the last parking stall east of the entrance to the Skowhegan Savings Bank.

The foregoing parking regulation shall be in effect between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday except legal holidays.

Commercial Street

- Proceeding westerly from the junction of Water Street, the first ~~and last~~ parking stall on the south side of the street. (Selectmen’s Meeting 3-28-2006)

Madison Avenue

- The last parking stall at the southeast corner of the avenue.

The foregoing parking regulation shall be in effect between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday except for legal holidays.

Sec. 54. Two (2) hour parking.

It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle for a time period in excess of two (2) hours on the following streets where lines are painted or durably marked on the curb or street designating a parking space and a sign is posted designating two (2) hour parking.

Water Street

- North side from the junction of North Avenue with Water Street to the junction of Court Street and Water Street.
- South side from the main entrance of the Riverview Parking lot easterly to the west side of the Veteran’s Memorial.
- North side from the junction of Madison Avenue and Water Street easterly to the junction of Commercial Street and Water Street.
- South side from Island Avenue to the entrance to the Riverview Parking Lot.

Madison Avenue

- From the junction of Elm and Commercial Streets to the junction of Water Street.

Commercial Street

- South side from the junction of Water Street westerly to the junction of Madison Avenue.

Elm Street

- North side from the junction of Madison Avenue proceeding to the easterly property line of the Skowhegan Savings Bank. South side from the junction of Madison Avenue westerly to Central Maine Power Pole No. 5.

Court Street

- East side from the junction of Water Street and Commercial Street to the junction of High Street

Municipal Parking Lot

- Southern half of the lot, north of Commercial Street.
- Indian Lot north of High Street.

River View Parking Lot

- South from Water Street to the north side of the Kennebec River and the west end of the parking lot from the walking bridge.

The foregoing parking regulation shall be in effect between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday except legal holidays.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Selectmen’s Meeting 10/27/2020)

A person shall not park or leave standing a vehicle in a stall or space, or impeding a stall or space, designated for electric vehicle charging unless the vehicle is connected for electric charging purposes.

A person shall not leave a vehicle in an electric vehicle charging station for a time period in excess of two (2) hours.

The designation shall be made by posting a sign in compliance with this ordinance.

The vehicle charging station parking regulation shall be in effect 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

Sec. 55. Enforcement, penalty and waiver fees.

Parking ordinances shall be enforced by the Skowhegan Police Department or other official duly appointed and authorized by the Board of Selectmen. A violation of this Ordinance is a civil violation punishable by a fine as described in Section 2, for each offense. Any person charged with a violation of this Ordinance may waive court action by paying a fee to the Skowhegan Police Department within 30 days of the violation.

Such fees upon such waiver shall be as determined by the Board of Selectmen:

Sec. 56. Evidence of unlawful parking

No person shall cause, allow or permit a motor vehicle registered in his or her name to park in violation of any Town of Skowhegan parking ordinances. The fact that a motor vehicle is unlawfully parked shall be prima facie evidence of the unlawful parking of such vehicle by the person whose name such vehicle is registered.

For the enforcement of two (2) hour parking, a vehicle shall be deemed to be in violation when parked in the same stall for a time period in excess of two (2) hours and then once per hour thereafter.

Sec. 57. Handicapped parking and Fire Zones.

The Chief of Police, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to enter into agreements with owners of private off-street parking for the policing of stalls and spaces dedicated for handicapped persons' vehicles and fire zones. Any vehicle parked in such a parking stall or space designated as a handicapped parking space, that does not bear a special registration plate, placard, or hang tag issued under M.R.S.A Title 29-A, Section 521, or a similar plate, placard, or hang tag issued by another State, is in violation of this section and the registered owner is subject to the penalty indicated in Section 2.