

Town of Greene

Winter Parking Ban Ordinance

1. AUTHORITY

- 1.1 This ordinance is adopted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §3009, 29-A M.R.S.A. §2395 and §2388.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 This ordinance is designed to protect the public health, welfare and infrastructure by regulating the parking and operation of motor vehicles on public ways during winter snow removal operations. Unrestricted parking on public ways creates traffic hazards and impedes snow removal operations.
- 2.2 Reduce safety hazards and the risk of injury to the general public.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 The definitions contained in Title 29-A M.R.S.A. shall govern the construction of words contained in this ordinance.
- 3.2 Any words not defined therein shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

4. NOTICE AND MEDIA

- 4.1 Beginning November 1 and through April 15 parking shall be prohibited on any public way between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM, including state roads maintained by the Town during winter snow removal.
- 4.2 Notice of the winter parking ban shall be posted on the Town website and in one local newspaper of record 2 weeks prior to November 1.
- 4.3 Notice of any necessary daytime parking ban shall be posted on the Town website. Due to the nature of snow emergency, no additional notice will be required or given.
- 4.4 The winter parking ban is a notice and no signage shall be required.

5. EXCEPTIONS

- 5.1 This ordinance may not apply to motor vehicles parked in prohibited areas for the following reasons:
- 5.1.1 Mechanical reasons or breakdown.
- 5.1.2 Emergency situations.
- 5.1.3 Maintenance, construction, repair or installation of public utilities or the public way by any state or municipal agency or utility company.

6. ENFORCEMENT

- 6.1 Any motor vehicle parked upon a public way prohibited by this ordinance is hereby declared to be an obstruction in the public way and a menace to the safety of the traveling public.
- 6.2 Any motor vehicle parked which constitutes an obstruction under this section of the ordinance may, at the request and under the direction of the municipal officers, town manager, road commissioner or their authorized designee(s) be towed to a suitable garage or storage space and impounded thereon until all towing, storage fees and fines are paid. Towing will be at the expense of the owner of said vehicle and without the Town being liable for any damage that may be caused by such removal from the public way.

7. DAMAGE

- 7.1 Damage to obstructions or objects placed in the town right-of-way is at the owners expense.
- 7.2 Damage to Town owned equipment caused by obstructions or objects in the Town right-of-way may be charged to the owner of said obstruction or object.