

PARKING ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF ANSON

1. **AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE:** This ordinance is adopted by the Municipal Officers (Selectmen) of the Town of Anson in accordance with 30-A MRSA Section 3009. The Selectmen find that unrestricted parking of motor vehicles on certain portions of public ways in Town creates a traffic hazard and is dangerous to motorists and pedestrians alike. Unrestricted parking causes traffic congestion, reduces sight distances for motorists, impedes winter maintenance and causes motorists to drive outside the designated travel lane and into oncoming traffic. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate parking necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare.
2. **DEFINITIONS:** Words used in this ordinance shall be defined in accordance with 29 MRSA Section 1; any undefined word shall have its common ordinary meaning.
3. **RESTRICTIONS:**
 - a. No person shall park a motor vehicle on the following public ways or portions of public ways, where "No Parking/TowAway Zone" signs or signs bearing similar language have been erected by the municipality:
Anson Fire Department
North Anson Fire Department
Anson Town Office
Anson Town Garage
 - b. **No person shall park a motor vehicle on any sidewalk in the Town of Anson.**
 - c. **No person shall park a motor vehicle within eight feet of any fire hydrant; this distance running along street curbing.**
4. **TOWING:** A motor vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance may be towed by a wrecker authorized by the municipality, at the request of and under the supervision of the town constable or other official duly authorized and appointed by the Selectmen. Towing under this section shall not be allowed unless, at the time of the tow, there is at least 1 sign stating that violators may be towed and indicating the telephone number and address of the place at which a towed car can be recovered. Within 5 days of the tow the municipal official who supervised the tow shall send to the registered owner a notice stating the date and time of the tow, the location where the motor vehicle is impounded, and the requirements for release of the motor vehicle.
5. **RELEASE OF TOWED VEHICLE:** Any person seeking release of a motor vehicle towed pursuant to this ordinance must first (a) pay all towing charges and storage charges and (b) present satisfactory evidence of his or her right to possession

and sign a receipt for the vehicle.

6. **PRIMA FACIA EVIDENCE OF OPERATION:** No person shall cause, allow or permit a motor vehicle registered in his or her name to park in violation of this ordinance. The fact that a motor vehicle is unlawfully parked shall be prima facia evidence of the unlawful parking of such a vehicle by the person in whose name such vehicle is registered.

7. **ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES:** This ordinance shall be enforced by the Town Constable or other officials duly appointed and authorized by the Selectmen, or any duly authorized law enforcement officer. A violation of this ordinance is a civil violation punishable by a fine determined by the Somerset County Court.

8. **SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE:** In the event that any provision of this ordinance is declared by a court to be enforceable, the remaining provisions continue in full force and effect. This ordinance shall become effective when adopted by a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

Public Hearing on amended ordinance held:

Accepted & Signed on May 28, 1994

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