

**TOWN OF WILTON
PARKING AND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE**

- Article I.** Title: This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Parking and Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Wilton, Maine.
- Article II** Authority: This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Title 30-A Section 3009 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated.
- Article III** Purpose: This ordinance is designed to update existing parking and traffic regulations, thereby allowing better control over vehicle use patterns in Wilton, Maine.
- Article IV** Administration: the Selectperson of Wilton, Maine shall maintain in said Town suitable parking signs and markings indicating time, manner, and place of parking motor vehicles in accordance with the ordinance, and such additional signs and markings as they may deem necessary to control and direct traffic and parking within the municipal boundaries. Ticketing and enforcement shall be carried out by any duly authorized law enforcement officer.

The parking and traffic signs and markings provided for by this ordinance and appearing in any street or way in this Town shall be prima facie evidence that such signs and markings were erected in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, and by authority of the Selectperson.

The Board of Selectperson, in responding to parking or traffic problems may establish parking time or motor vehicle size limitations in any area or zone after notice and hearing. Signs shall be posted in areas so limited in such a manner as to notify the public of the limitation.

- Article V** Definitions:
1. The designation of Municipal Officers shall mean a majority of the Board of Selectperson.
 2. The word "Parked" as used in this ordinance shall mean allowing a motor vehicle to remain stationary in or on a highway, public way, street, or other public property whether attended or unattended.
 3. Motor vehicle: Shall mean any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on tracks, including motorcycles, but not including snowmobiles as defined in 12 M.R.S.A. § 1971.
 4. Motorcycle: Every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a farm tractor and a parking control vehicle.
 5. 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 Commissioner of Transportation.

6. The times stated in this Ordinance shall be construed to mean Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Savings Time according to which time is in force in the Town at the time of an alleged violation.
7. Public Ways: Town or State maintained or owned roads, sidewalks or land

Article VI

General Regulations:

Sec. 1. No motor vehicle shall be parked:

Within 10 feet either side of any fire hydrant.

On any highway, public way, street, or other public property between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. year-round without written permission from a local law enforcement officer. Exception listed below.

Exception: Weld Road (Rt. 156) from the intersection of Main Street and Weld Road up to the point where the Wilton Town Office is located (158 Weld Road), where parking of registered vehicles will be allowed between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. from April 16 to November 14. Registered vehicles will not be allowed to be parked for any more than four consecutive days in a given spot on the Weld Road, constituting a “storage” of vehicles. There will be no parking between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from November 15 to April 15 on the Weld Road from the intersection of Main Street and Weld Road to the Wilton Town Office for snow removal excluding holidays.

Within ten (10) feet of an intersection or junction of any street, highway, crosswalk, driveway, right of way, and public ways, except as otherwise may be indicated. Property owners’ private driveways are exempted from the ten-foot stipulation.

Fully or partially on any sidewalk.

On any street between any NO PARKING signs.

No person, when parking a vehicle, shall park with the curb on the driver’s left side. Exception: Parking with the curb on the driver’s left side is allowed on Church Street and Cross Street in East Wilton.

In any space designated for use by handicapped persons, unless the motor vehicle bears a handicapped plate or placard issued in accordance with 20 MRSA, § 242, 252-A or 252-C

In any area marked “Fire Lane”, unless said motor vehicle is an Authorized Emergency Vehicle, or is operated by a member of the Wilton Fire Department responding to a fire alarm

Sec. 2. Motorcycles may, at the owner's risk, be parked singly or 2 to 3 to a marked parking space, provided that no part of the cycles extends outside of the space markings; in which case the owner of the cycle in violation may be summoned for improper parking.

Sec. 3 Motor vehicles parked parallel with the curb shall be parked within eighteen inches thereof, and within designated parking lines when lines are present.

Sec. 4 Only parking parallel with the course of the street shall be allowed on the streets of Wilton, Dryden, East Wilton, and East Dixfield, except where street markings shall provide for diagonal parking.

Sec. 5 There shall be no double parking of motor vehicles, except that delivery vehicles may, at the discretion of the law enforcement officer on duty, double park only for so long as is necessary for them to be unloaded or loaded or both. Parking of motor vehicles so that either right hand wheel shall be more than two feet from the curb or street edge shall be considered double parking. This provision shall not apply to vehicles properly diagonally parked.

Sec. 6 Any motor vehicle parked contrary to the prohibitions listed in this article or contrary to any other section of this ordinance shall be subject to removal by the authority of a duly appointed law enforcement officer and placed in a suitable parking space, or at the tow company facilities, at the expense of the owner of such vehicle. Neither the Town nor the officer shall be liable for any damage which may be caused by such removal.

Sec. 7. No motor vehicle shall be operated contrary to the posted directions and regulations for entering or exiting municipal parking lots, or private parking lots to which the public has access, or parked contrary to said directions or regulations.

Sec. 8 Any person or vehicle owner who is issued any parking ticket in violation of this Ordinance may choose to contest the violation by coming to the Police department and requesting a review. If the person or vehicle owner is not satisfied with the review, then that person can be issued a Civil Citation for a District Court Judge to hear. The person or vehicle owner may be adjudicated a fine of up to \$100.00, plus costs, plus the cost of the original parking ticket.

Article VII Specific Regulations

Sec. 1 BASS PARK

No motor vehicle shall be parked on the grass at Bass Park.

Sec 2 LAKEFRONT

No motor vehicle shall be parked in Bass Park or the area between the Lake Road parking area to and including the public boat landing and Canal Street parking area between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. No motor vehicle or recreational vehicle shall be parked at the Pond Road Boat launch between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. without authorization of the Wilton Police.

Sec. 3 MAIN STREET

Except as further limited by this ordinance, parking by motor vehicles shall be limited to three hours duration along Main Street in Wilton village from the bridge by Prospect St. to the Goodspeed Bridge, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Exception: Food Trucks, Contractors and any other special consideration, to be approved or permitted, as applicable by the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) or the CEO's Designee, and coordinated with the Police Department.

Sec. 4 WILSON STREAM MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

No long-term storage of vehicles shall be allowed. Vehicles will not be allowed to be parked for any ore than fur consecutive days in a given spot, constituting a "storage" of vehicles. No parking or storage of recreational vehicles including but not limited to ATV's Snowmobiles, Boats; including storage or parking on the grass area within the Parking Lot area. Winter Parking Rules for plowing purposes shall be approved annually by Selectperson.

Sec. 5 POST OFFICE

Motor vehicles may be parked in front of the Wilton Post Office, conforming to sign and street markings in each case, for fifteen minutes only, during the periods when parking by vehicles on Main Street is limited to three hours.

Sec. 6 PROSPECT STREET

No motor vehicle shall be parked on either side of Prospect Street.

Sec. 7 HIGH STREET

No motor vehicle shall be parked on either side of High Street from its intersection with Main Street to a point 250 feet south of the Church. Also, no motor vehicle shall be parked next to the sidewalk in the area of Kineowatha Park at any time, or on the opposite side of High Street in the area of Kineowatha Park between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m.

Sec. 8 HIGH STREET MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

Overnight parking is allowed in the High Street Municipal Parking lot to registered vehicles. No long-term storage of vehicles shall be allowed. Vehicles will not be allowed to be parked for any more than four consecutive days in a given spot, constituting a “storage” of vehicles. No parking or storage of recreational vehicles including, but not limited to, ATV’s Snowmobiles, Boats; including storage or parking on the grass area within the Parking Lot area. Winter Parking Rules for plowing purposes shall be approved annually by Selectperson.

Sec. 9 CANAL STREET PARKING LOT

No motor vehicle shall be parked in the Canal Street Municipal Parking Lot between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. No long-term storage of vehicles shall be allowed. No parking or storage of recreational vehicles including, but not limited to, ATV’s Snowmobiles, Boats; including storage or parking on the grass area within the Parking Lot area. Winter Parking Rules for plowing purposes shall be approved annually by Selectperson.

Sec. 10 KINEOWATHA PARK

No motor vehicle shall be parked along any roadway within Kineowatha Park, except in those areas designated for that purpose.

Sec. 12 DEPOT STREET

No motor vehicle shall be parked on either side of Depot Street from its junction with Main Street to Rt. 2 & 4.

Sec. 13 ROUTE 2 & 4

No motor vehicle shall be parked in the breakdown lane on either side of Route 2 and 4 within 250 feet of its intersection with the Munson Road, except in emergency situations.

Article IX Traffic Regulations

Sec. 1. NO THRU TRUCKS

Preston Street, Gilbert Street North, Walker Hill Road from Rt. 2 to Lake Road, and Lake Road from Main Street to US Route 2. Commercial size trucks greater than 10,000 GVW are not allowed except: when making deliveries or performing services to neighborhood properties, maintaining the road and utilities, and/or responding to emergencies.

Article X Penalty:

ILLEGAL PARKING

Any person who parks a motor vehicle contrary to this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$100. Any motor vehicle parked contrary to the prohibitions listed in this ordinance may also be subject to removal by the authority of a duly appointed law enforcement officer and placed in a suitable parking space, or at the tow company facilities, at the expense of the owner of such vehicle. Neither the Town nor the officer shall be liable for any damage which may be caused by such removal.

DEFACING SIGNS

Any person who removes, destroys, damages or defaces any sign or signal erected by or under the direction of the Town of Wilton shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 plus costs. This section does not preclude the Town of Wilton to pursue criminal charges under Title 17A, Section 806, M.R.S.A., in which there may be fines and jail penalties imposed under guidelines set out in Title 17A M.R.S.A.

Any person violating any of the foregoing provisions of this ordinance shall, if they desire to avoid court action, pay the appropriate fees set forth below, by mail or in person to the Wilton Town Office:

1.	Exceeding Time Limit	\$20.00
2.	Parking with 15 ft. of a corner or crosswalk	\$20.00
3.	Parking in a no parking zone	\$20.00
4.	Double parking	\$20.00
5.	Parking left wheel to curb	\$20.00
6.	Obstructing driveway, sidewalk or crosswalk	\$20.00
7.	Improper Parking	\$20.00
8.	Overnight parking	\$20.00
9.	Improper Entry or Exit	\$20.00
10.	Prohibited Zone or Place	\$20.00
11.	Within 10 ft. of fire hydrant	\$100.00
12.	Parking in a Handicap Area	\$100.00

Any person who receives a ticket for a violation of this ordinance and who does not pay the designated fee within 10 days of said violation will be summoned to court for said violation. Payment of the fee within the time allotted obviates court action. In the event of non-payment of said fee a court summons shall be obtained and anyone convicted of a violation of any portion of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00.

Article XI Separability:

The invalidity of any provision or portion of this ordinance shall not invalidate any other part.

Article XII Prior Ordinances Repealed:
Parking and traffic ordinance adopted in the years 1951, 1960, 1968, and 1992 and other Town ordinances pertaining to motor vehicle traffic and parking are hereby repealed and superseded by this ordinance.

Article XII Exemptions:
Authorized Emergency vehicles shall be exempt from the provisions of this Parking and Traffic Ordinance, in accordance with 29 MRSA § 946-C.

Article XIV Effective Date:
The effective date of this ordinance shall be May 18, 2011.
Amended Date: August 2, 2022 – Article IX Traffic Regulations
Amended Date: October 15, 2013 – Article VI General Regulations, Sec. 10 (added)
Amended Date: June 23, 2015
Amended Date: February 20, 2018
Amended Date: January 21, 2020
Amended Date: January 4, 2023 – Article VI Weld Rd parking hours for winter plowing.
Amended Date: February 20, 2024 - Article VI - Exception

A TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL:

Attest: _____