

## **PARKING ORDINANCE**

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.** Under the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59, 24 V.S.A. § 2291(4), 23 V.S.A. § 1008 and 19 V.S.A. § 304(a) (6), the Selectboard of the Town of Swanton hereby adopts this civil ordinance regulating parking.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to promote safety, to provide good traffic flow and to assist the Town of Swanton in the maintenance of streets and highways.

**SECTION 3. SEPARATE OFFENSES.** Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

**SECTION 4. WINTER PARKING.** It shall be unlawful for vehicles to be parked within the public right-of-way of the town streets or highways from November 1 until April 15 inclusive.

**SECTION 5. STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING VEHICLES.** No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of an enforcement officer or traffic-control device, or in any of the following places:

- (a) On a sidewalk;
- (b) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (c) Within an intersection;
- (d) Within six (6) feet of a fire hydrant;
- (e) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway;
- (f) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping, standing, or parking.

No person shall move a vehicle into any such prohibited area.

### **SECTION 6. PARKING ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS.**

- (a) The Selectboard is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating no parking upon either side or both sides of any street adjacent to any school property when such parking would, in their opinion, interfere with traffic or cause a hazardous situation.
- (b) When official signs are erected indicating no parking upon either side of a street adjacent to any school property as authorized herein, no person shall park a vehicle in any such designated place.

**SECTION 7. NO PARKING AREAS.** It shall be unlawful to park:

- (a) In any area where official "No Parking" signs are posted;
- (b) From the intersection of Champlain Street and Lakewood Drive extending to the end of Lakewood Drive;

- (c) From the intersection of Hog Island Road and the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Boat Access extending to the end of Hog Island Road;
- (d) From the intersection of Bachand Road and Gauthier Drive, extending 900 feet southerly along Gauthier Drive.

**SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.** Vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance may be towed by order of any Vermont-certified law enforcement officer, to the nearest garage or other place of safety. In addition to towing, a penalty of \$75.00 shall be assessed for each violation.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days after its adoption by the Swanton Town Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. §1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

**SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY.** If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

Signed on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2005 at Swanton, Vermont

**THE SWANTON SELECTBOARD**

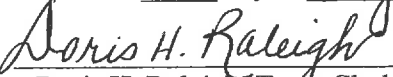
  
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Attest:  June 7, 2005  
 Doris H. Raleigh, Town Clerk Date

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was posted in five (5) public places in the Town of Swanton on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2005, to wit: Town Clerk's Office, Zoning & Planning Office, Swanton Post Office, Chittenden Bank, and Grand Union; and was published in the *St. Albans Messenger*, a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Swanton on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2005, and was recorded in the Ordinance Records of the Town of Swanton on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2005.

Attest:   
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 Doris H. Raleigh, Town Clerk