

**CHAPTER 4: PARKING AND TRAFFIC CONTROL**

**SECTION 1. GENERAL PARKING**

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**Article 1.General**

- A. No double parking on roads or streets.
- B. No parking within 15 feet of any intersection, any corner of any street or way.
- C. No parking will be permitted on sidewalks or crosswalks.
- D. No parking will be permitted on either side of street opposite to the flow of traffic.
- E. All parking in the Town Of Richmond upon all streets, highways, ways and roads shall be parallel parking only and such parking shall be within eighteen inches from the curb.
- F. Vehicles shall not park in front of the entrance of any public building used for public gatherings or entertainment so as to obstruct the passageway to the street from such entrance.
- G. All parking on streets, highways, ways and roads are for motor vehicles as defined by Title 29A, Chapter 1, §101-42. Parking of ATV's, snowmobiles, and/or recreational vehicles is not allowed.

**Article 2.Fire Related**

- A. Vehicles shall not park in front of any entrance to a fire engine hose company or ladder house, or any fire apparatus building.
- B. No parking within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.

- C. Parking shall not be permitted in the fire lane in front of the Richmond High School as designated by "no parking" signs.

### **Article 3. Specific Parking Prohibitions**

1. **Alexander Reed Road.** There shall be no parking except in the designated areas from Main Street to Kimball Street.
2. **Arch Street.** There shall be no parking
3. **Baker Street.** Parking from Pleasant Street to Front Street shall be on Northside only.
4. **Beech Street.** Parking shall be on the Southside only.
5. **Boynton Street.** Parking on the Northside only.
6. **Bridge Street.** There shall be no parking.
7. **Center Street.** Parking on the Westside only.
8. **Church Street.** There shall be no parking on the South side except from 12 Church Street down to Pleasant Street.
9. **Cross Street.** There shall be no parking.

10. **Darrah Street.** There shall be no parking. Traffic shall be limited to one way in a southerly direction.
11. **Depot Street.** There shall be no parking.
12. **Front Street.** No parking from Tulip Street to Main Street on either side of street.
13. **Fuller Street.** Parking on the Westside only.
14. **Gardiner Street.** Parking on the Northside only.
15. **Gaubert Street.** There shall be no parking.
16. **Hatch Street.** There shall be no parking.
17. **Hathorn Street.** There shall be no parking.
18. **High Street.** There shall be no parking on the west side of High Street from Main Street to Gardiner Street. Parking on Eastside only.
19. **Hill Street.** There shall be no parking.
20. **Hinkley Street.** There shall be no parking.
21. **Kennebec Street.** There shall be no parking.
22. **Kimball Street.** There shall be no parking except in the designated area on the north side adjacent to Lane Field.
23. **Main Street.** No person shall allow, or permit, or suffer any vehicle, motor vehicle or self-propelled machinery under his control or registered in his name to be parked for a period of time longer than two hours between the hours of

8:00a.m. and 6:00p.m., on Main Street from the corner of Hathorn & Pleasant Street East to the intersection of Route #24.

24. **Maxwell Street.** There shall be no parking.
25. **Myrtle Street.** There shall be no parking.
26. **North Street.** There shall be no parking.
27. **Pleasant Street.** Parking shall be limited to the Westside only in the direction of traffic. There shall be no parking from Maxwell to Fuller.
28. **Sampson Street.** Parking on the Southside only.
29. **Southard Street.** There shall be no parking.
30. **Springer Street.** Parking shall be on the Eastside only.
31. **Spruce Street.** There shall be no parking.
32. **Tulip Street.** There shall be no parking.
33. **Water Street.** Parking on the Eastside only.
34. **Waterfront Park.** Vehicles and/or boat trailers shall park only in designated areas.
35. **Weymouth Street.** Parking on the south side only.
36. **Williams Street.** Parking on the East side only.

#### **Article 4. All Night Parking**

- A. All night parking on any street or way within the Town of Richmond is Prohibited from November 15th of each year through April 15th of the following.

- B. All night parking shall mean any parking between 11:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. and shall include the traveled and shoulder portions of every way or street.

**Article 5. Handicapped Parking**

- A. Parking in handicapped designated parking spaces shall be for the exclusive use of motor vehicles operated by handicapped persons.
- B. Handicapped parking spaces are designated at the town office, Richmond High School, Marcia Buker School and Waterfront Park.

**Article 6. Traffic Control at Construction Sites**

Any person, firm, corporation, or company in charge of any form of construction or other activity which causes any public way to be hazard to either pedestrians or motorists shall furnish traffic control in the area of construction or other activity for the purpose of reducing traffic congestion and promoting safe conditions for pedestrians and motorists. Such traffic control shall be furnished at the expense of the person or agency performing such construction or other activity and not the Town of Richmond.

**Article 7. Weight Limit of Vehicles Traveling on Certain Public Ways**

Vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight are prohibited from traveling on Kimball, Williams and Boynton Streets except for pickups and deliveries to a residence on these streets.

Vehicles in excess of 20,000 pounds gross vehicle weight are prohibited from traveling on Weeks Road

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**Article 8. Obstruction of Town Roads**

No person shall park or leave any vehicle, trailer or other article in any way within the Town so as to obstruct or block the free movement of traffic or pedestrians upon such public way. When in the opinion of a Law Enforcement Officer, any vehicle, trailer or other article is found parked in violation of this section creating a substantial hazard that might lead to an accident, such-Law Enforcement Officer may have the said vehicle, trailer or article removed at the expense of the owner when such owner either refuses to move the said obstruction, cannot be located, or is unknown.

**Article 9. Snow Removal Emergency Period**

The period beginning November 15 and ending April 15 is hereby declared to be a snow removal emergency period. During this period, no vehicle shall be parked in such a manner as to hinder the plowing or removal of snow from the streets, ways or roads. In the event of inclement weather, the Chief of Police or Public Works Foreman may institute a parking ban upon any street, way or road and shall provide for temporary public notice and announcement by radio, television, or town website of such temporary ban.

**Article 10. Snow Removal**

No vehicle shall be parked at any time on any street, way or road so as to interfere with or hinder the plowing or removal of snow from any street, way or roadway. The police may cause any vehicle so parked on any street, way or road to be removed from the street in

accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of this Ordinance. No person shall lay, throw, place or plow any snow or ice from private property into any public way. If in the removal of snow or ice from private property it is necessary to temporarily place snow or ice on any public street, such snow or ice shall be immediately removed by and at the expense of the person that caused it to be placed thereon or caused the hiring of a person to remove said snow and ice.

### **Article 11. Obstruction in Street**

Any vehicle of any kind or description parked upon a street, way or road at a place, in a manner, or for a length of time prohibited by ordinance of the Town of Richmond is hereby declared to be an obstruction in such street, way or road and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic.

#### 1. Authority to Remove or Immobilize

Any vehicle left parked or standing in a manner prohibited by Ordinance may be removed by or under the direction of, or at the request of the Police Chief or any police officer of the town to a garage or storage place. Such police officer may use such force as may be necessary to enter such vehicle and cause the same to be placed in a condition to be moved, and may employ any reputable person, engaged in the business of towing or storing vehicles for such purpose. Notwithstanding any language herein contained, the removal and storage of a vehicle pursuant to this Ordinance, and the payment of the charges specified herein, shall in no way relieve or prevent prosecution for the violation of any provision of the Ordinance.

2. Notice to Owner

The Police Department shall make reasonable effort to notify as promptly as possible the owner of any such vehicle of its removal from the streets, ways or roads, and as soon as possible a written notice that such vehicle has been impounded shall be sent by the Police Chief to the owner at his/her last known address as shown by the records of the Secretary of State. If the owner is unknown, the Police Chief shall cause to be published in the local newspaper, notice of such impounding, giving the registration number, owner of record, type and year of said vehicle.

3. Release of Vehicle

Before the owner of such vehicle or his/her representative may remove it from the possession of the person towing or storing it, he/she shall:

- a. Furnish satisfactory evidence of his/her identity and of his/her ownership of said vehicle to the Police Chief and to the person having possession of said vehicle;
- b. Pay, or arrange to pay, to the person having possession of said vehicle, reasonable towing and storage charges.

4. The Town assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from the towing of any vehicle under this Article.

**Article 12. Fines and Penalties: Articles 1, 2, 3, and 4**

- A. Whoever violates any provision of Articles 1, 2, 3 or 4 will pay to the Town Treasurer a fine of \$10.00.



- B. If this \$10.00 fine is not paid within two (2) business days, the fine will increase to \$25.00.
- C. If this increased fine (\$25.00) is not paid within 30 calendar days from the date of the violation, a summons will be served on the driver and/or the owner of the vehicle for failure to pay. The driver and/or operator of the vehicle shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 in addition to the \$25.00 increased fine.
- D. After three violations of Articles 1, 2, 3 or 4 or for non-payment of fines, the Chief of Police may authorize a vehicle to be towed at the owner's expense and impounded until said fines have been paid.
- E. In addition to the above penalties, the violator will reimburse the Town of Richmond for all reasonable costs and attorney's fees.
- F. If a summons is served, the town will waive all court action by payment of \$35.00 prior to the court date set in the summons.

**Article 13. Fines and Penalties: Articles 5 thru 11.**

- A. Whoever violates any provision of Articles 5 thru 11 will pay to the Town Treasurer a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense.
- B. Whoever subsequently violates any provision of Articles 5 thru 11 for a second time within 365 days of the first offense will pay to the Town Treasurer a fine of \$50.00 for this second offense.


- C. Whoever subsequently violates any provision of Articles 5 thru 11 for a third time within 365 days of the first offense will pay to the Town Treasurer a fine of \$100.00 for this third offense.
- D. If any of these fines are not paid within 10 business days from the date of the violation, the fines will double. A first offense paid after 10 business days of the offense becomes \$50.00; a second offense paid after 10 business days of the offense becomes \$100.00; and, a third offense paid after 10 business days of the offense becomes \$200.00.
- E. If this increased fine (\$50.00, \$100.00, or \$200.00) is not paid within 30 calendar days from the date of the violation, a summons will be served on the driver and/or the owner of the vehicle or the person or agency performing the construction for failure to pay. The driver and/or operator of the vehicle or the person or agency performing the construction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 in addition to the \$50.00, \$100.00 or \$200.00 increased fine.
- F. In addition to the above penalties, the violator will reimburse the Town of Richmond for all reasonable costs and attorney's fees.
- G. If a summons is served, the town will waive all court action by payment of \$75.00 (first offense), \$125.00 (second offense) and \$225.00 (third offense) prior to the court date set in the summons.

#### **Article 14. Temporary Traffic Control Device**

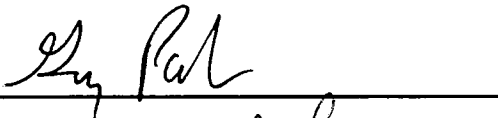
The police or other authorized persons are hereby authorized to place temporary no parking signs, detour signs, and to route traffic by personal direction of police officers of the Town of Richmond in circumstances of emergency or congestion such as, but not limited to, fires, funerals, church services, parades, sporting events, and also where the traffic generated by private business locations requires such directional control for public safety or convenience during a fire, accident, emergency or special event. A police officer may temporarily close a way to vehicular traffic or to vehicles of a certain description or divert pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

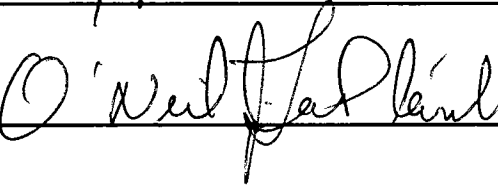
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