

## CHAPTER TWO

### MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ORDINANCES

#### SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

"Park" or "parking" is the stopping or standing of a motor vehicle on a roadway, whether occupied or unoccupied, attended or unattended, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers or goods, or in obedience to police officers or traffic regulations, signs or signals, or while making emergency repairs if disabled, while arrangements are being made to move such vehicle.

As used in this ordinance "motor vehicle" shall include all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power.

Other terms used in this Chapter shall have the same meaning and intended use as set forth in Title 23 of Vermont Statutes Annotated.

#### SECTION 2. PARKING ORDINANCES

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to park the same in violation of any of the provisions hereinafter set forth:

##### A. **STREET PARKING**

<u>STREET</u>	<u>PARKING PROHIBITED</u>	<u>PARKING ALLOWED</u>
Adele Drive		
Alden Place		
Armory lane		
Battery Hill		
Booska Court		
Booth Woods		
Bombard Place		
Bowman Road		
Canal Street		
Cataract Place		
Comfort Hill		
Crescent Drive		
Crosby Court		
East Street	East side from New Haven road to Main Street	West side, accept opposite the two driveway entrance/exits on the easterly side of the street, between School Street

		and Main Street.
Elm Street	West side its full length	East side its full length
Green Street & Green St. Ext.	Both sides from City limits to New Haven Rd. Westerly side King Street to School Street. First parking space on the westerly Side of Green Street at the intersection of Green Street and School Street	Easterly side except opposite the tow driveway. Easterly side from King Street to School Street. Both sides from School Street to North Street.
High Street		
Hillside Acres		
Hopkins Road		
Ice House Court		
King Street	South side its full length	North side its full length
MacDonough Drive		
West Main Street	Both sides from Panton Line to Bridge	None
North Main Street	Both sides from bridge to So. Water St. East side from 157' south of School St. intersection to Monkton Rd.	Both sides from So. Water St. to 157' south of School St. intersection continuing on west side to Monkton Rd.
Maple Manor		
Maple Street Extension	Both sides from Waltham line to Victory Street	None
Meadow lane		
Meadow Brook Road		
Mechanic Street		
Meigs Road		
Monkton Road		
Mountain View lane		
New Haven Road		
North Street	Both sides from So. Maple St. to Post Office. South side from P.O. to Park St. Both sides from Park St. to No. Main Street.	North side opposite Post Office to Park Street.
North Maple Street	West side from main St. to North St. Both sides from North St. to MacDonough Dr.	East side from Main St. to North Street.
Panton Road		
Park Street	West side its full length	East side its full length
Prospect Street		
Roberts Street		
School Street	South side of street from So. Maple St. North side from East St. to Mt.	North side of street from So. Water to So. Maple St.

	View Lane. Both sides from Mt. View lane to No. Main Street.	Both sides of street from So. Maple St. to East St. South side from East St. to Mt. View Lane.
Scoval lane	North side its full length	None
Short Street	North side from East St. to Green St. Both sides form Green St. to So. Maple St.	South side from East Street to Green Street
South Maple Street	East side from Victory St. to Main St. 30' south of School St.	West side from Victory St. to Main St. except 30' south of School St. to corner of School. A 15 minute loading/unloading zone is established on the East side of South Maple Street adjacent to the Stone Block Building for a distance of 50 (fifty) feet.
South Water Street	East side from School St. to Roberts St. West side from Roberts St. to Victory St.	West side from School St. to Roberts St. East side from Roberts St. to Victory St. Both sides from Main St to School St.
Spring Street		
Sunset Drive		
Thomas Circle		
Union Street	East side its full length	West side its full length
Victory street	South side its full length	North side its full length
Walker Avenue		
West Main Street		
West Street		
White Street		

**B. VEHICLE LENGTH**

No vehicle having an overall length in excess of 20 feet shall be parked in any diagonal parking space except for the purpose of loading or unloading.

**C. HANDICAPPED PARKING**

Designated Handicapped Parking Space: The following parking spaces are designated "handicapped parking only" as provided for in 18 V.S.A. § 1324:

The parking space on the north side of North Street immediately east of the intersection of North Street and an extension of North Green Street.

The westernmost parking space immediately in front of City Hall / Vergennes Opera House on the north side of Main Street.

The first parking space on the west side of South Maple street at the intersection of Main Street and South Maple Street.

The westernmost parking space before the Ryan Block on the south side of Main Street in front of 135 Main Street.

The first parking space on the south side of Main Street (Route 22A) immediately west of the intersection of Green Street and Main Street.

A parking space to be located on the east side of North Green Street immediately north of the intersection of North Green Street and Main Street (Route 22A).

**D. BUS STOP**

The parking space on Green Street's easterly side in the southerly portion of the Green Street and Main Street intersection (next to the Fishman Building).

Bus parking for the Addison County Transit Resource (ACTR) shall be reserved in two (2) parking spaces on Green Street's easterly side in the southerly portion of the Green Street and North Street intersection opposite the post office.

**SECTION 3. PARKING CLOSE TO CURB**

Except when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or ordinances where traffic signs are signals, the operator of a motor vehicle shall not park said motor vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the curb or edge of such roadway, headed in the direction of traffic, with the motor vehicle within six (6) inches of the curb or edge of such roadway and with a clear space of three (3) feet left ahead and behind the same except where diagonal parking is provided. Where diagonal parking is permitted, motor vehicles shall park so as to be entirely within the marked off or painted area.

**SECTION 4. DOUBLE PARKING**

Double parking on any street is prohibited at all times.

## **SECTION 5. REPAIRING OF VEHICLES IN STREETS**

It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation engaged in the garage, repair or automobile service business to park any motor vehicle in the street or highway for the purpose of assembling, dismantling or repairing any vehicle. Provided, however, that Drew Brothers, Inc., may continue to operate its garage in accordance with permits previously granted heretofore by the City Council; said permits and exception herein shall apply only as long as the Drew Family own and operate said garage.

## **SECTION 6. PARKING OF VEHICLES FOR SALE**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park upon a street in a vehicle displayed for sale.

## **SECTION 7. STOPPING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES AND PERMITTED WITHIN DESIGNATED AREAS**

Where parking areas are indicated by painted lines or otherwise, vehicles shall be parked completely within the area indicated by such lines. No operator or driver of any motor vehicle shall stop, stand, or park the same in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic sign:

1. Within fifteen (15) feet of an intersection,
2. Five (5) feet from a crosswalk unless specifically designated for parking,
3. Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant, unless specifically designated for parking,
4. In front of a driveway,
5. On any sidewalk or on the green belt between the sidewalk and curb,
6. Abreast of another car in any street,
7. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction with such stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic,
8. Over the line or outside the lines of a designated parking space,
9. In any place so as to obstruct the safe flow of traffic.

## **SECTION 8. TWO HOUR PARKING**

It shall be unlawful for a person to park a vehicle for more than two (2) hours at a time, between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the evening on Monday through Saturday in any of the following locations: On either side of Main Street between the intersection of Main Street and Water Street and the intersection of Main Street and East Street; on either side of

Green Street between the intersection of Green Street and School Street and the intersection of Green Street and North Street; on either side of School Street easterly of the intersection of School Street and Green Street running a distance one hundred feet, and all of Park Street.

**A separate violation shall occur for each period of parking greater than the parking time allowed in the above described area.**

**This section shall not apply on Sundays or legal holidays.**

**SECTION 9. STOPPED OR UNATTENDED VEHICLES ( WINTER PARKING BAN )**

No person shall stop a motor vehicle, which was operated or driven by him, and leave the same unattended or without being in his immediate control on any public street or highway within the geographical limits of the City of Vergennes between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. of any day during the month of January, February, March, and December of each year.

Any enforcement officer is authorized to remove an unattended vehicle, which is an obstruction to traffic or stopped or left unattended as provided in the paragraph hereinabove, to a garage or any other place of safety.

This provision is intended not to be in duplication of 23 V.S.A. Section 1102, but in addition to the powers conferred therein.

Any person who violates this provision shall be fined as hereinafter provided and shall also be liable for the expense of removal and storage of such vehicle.

**SECTION 10. 30-MILE SPEED LIMIT**

No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle upon any of the streets of the City, at any time, at a rate of speed greater than 25 miles per hour, with the following exceptions, where the speed limit shall be 30 m.p.h.:

- North Main Street (Route 22A) north from Monkton Road to the city limits;
- West Main Street (Route 22A) west from the westerly edge of the Otter Creek bridge to the city limits;
- Panton Road from West Main Street to the city limits;
- New Haven Road from Green Street to the city limits;
- South Maple Street south from Victory Street to the city limits;
- Hopkins Road from the city limits to the intersection of West Main Street/Route 22A;
- Comfort Hill Road from the city limits to the intersection of High Street.

Signs indicating the speed limit shall be posted conspicuous within the highway limits at the point where such speeds become effective under this ordinance and as provided for by law.

**SECTION 11. ONE-WAY STREETS**

The following streets are hereby declared to be one-way streets:

1. **East Street from New Haven Road to Main Street** is hereby made and established as a one-way street for all vehicles and all traffic and travel on same, except pedestrians, shall be in the direction from New Haven Road to Main Street and no person shall pass with any vehicle over East Street from School Street toward New Haven Road. Signs shall be conspicuously posted at the New Haven Road, East Street, and at the intersections of East and Short Streets and at the intersection of East and School Streets and at the exit from the elementary school plainly indicating the provisions hereof making East Street a one-way highway.

2. The street extending from Main Street to North Street and commonly known as **Park Street** has been used by the public as a public highway and accepted by the City for paving and other work thereon, shall hereafter be designated and known as Park Street and furthermore made and established as a one-way street. All vehicular traffic and travel on said street shall enter said Park Street at Main Street to North Street. Signs shall be conspicuously posted at each end of said Park Street in accordance with the provisions herein.

3. **Maple Street extending from Main Street to North Street** is hereby made and established as a one-way street for all vehicles and all traffic and travel on same, except pedestrians, shall be in the direction from Main Street northerly over Maple Street to North Street and no person shall pass with any vehicle over Maple Street from North Street toward Main Street. Signs shall be conspicuously posted at the intersection of Maple Street and Main Street and at the intersection of North Street and Maple Street indicating the provisions hereof.

4. **Booth Woods** is hereby made and established as a one-way street for all vehicles and all traffic and travel on same, except pedestrians, shall be in the direction from the southerly intersection of Green Street to the northerly direction of Green Street. Signs shall be posted at each end of said Booth Woods in accordance with the provisions herein.

## **SECTION 12. PROHIBITION AGAINST TRUCK TRAFFIC**

That street or road which extends from the intersection of Park Street, so-called, and North Street northerly to Main Street (located on the northerly side of the City Hall) is hereby closed to trucks. Signs shall be posted at each end of said road indicating the provisions hereof.

## **SECTION 13. SIGNS**

Suitable signs shall be conspicuously posted in areas described in Section 2 prohibiting parking on certain streets and Section 8 limiting parking to two (2) hours on certain streets.

## **SECTION 14. ENFORCEMENT**

1. A fine of \$10.00 (ten dollars) shall be charged for violations of the following:

- Section 2A Parking Ordinances
- Section 2B Vehicle Length
- Section 3 Parking Close to Curb
- Section 4 Double Parking
- Section 5 Repairing of Vehicles in the Street
- Section 6 Parking of Vehicles for Sale
- Section 7 Stopping Prohibited in Specified Places and Permitted within Designated Areas (except fire hydrants)
- Section 8 Two Hour Parking

2. A fine of \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) shall be charged for the following violations:

- Section 9 Stopped or Unattended Vehicles (Winter Parking Ban)  
Parking in Front of a Fire Hydrant  
Parking in a Fire Zone

3. A fine of \$55.00 (fifty-five dollars) shall be charged for the following violations:

- Parking in a Handicapped Space without a Permit

4. If the fine is not paid within 10 (ten) days, a notice of failure to pay the fine shall be issued to the owner of the vehicle. Upon issuance of said notice, the original amount of the fine shall be doubled as a non-payment penalty. Vehicles may be impounded for unpaid tickets.

For purposes of this ordinance, the primary registered owner of the vehicle in violation, on the date of the violation, shall be responsible and held liable for any such violation. Any notice of fine or other civil action as a result of the violation and bills for towing will be sent to the primary registered owner who will be held liable for responding to any such notice and/or paying such fine and expenses as may be assessed.

In the absence of any registered owner of the vehicle in violation, the person who has been assigned title to same on the date of the violation, shall be deemed, for the purposes of this ordinance, the responsible party. The police of the City of Vergennes may cause any motor vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance, or parked on privately owned land without authorization, including by illustration and not limitation, private parking lots, drives and ways, to be removed at the expense of the owner of the vehicle. The owner of the motor vehicle shall pay for the expenses of towing, and storage charges. The City shall not release the vehicle until all expenses for towing, storage, and any outstanding fines have been paid.

## **SECTION 15. CIVIL ORDINANCE**

This ordinance shall be a civil ordinance and shall be prosecuted by the Judicial Bureau as provided under Title 24 V.S.A. Section 1977.