

TOWN OF TAMWORTH

TRAFFIC AND ROAD REGULATIONS AND POLICY

These regulations are adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town of Tamworth under RSA Chapter 41:11. They are designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town and those who travel the Town's roadways and other Town properties. They are in addition to, not in conflict with, State regulations and laws. This document should not be considered an exhaustive treaties of all the laws, rules and regulations that affect the Town's roads (such as the Towns' No Through Trucking Ordinance and RSA Chapter 265 Rules of the Road), public lands and other properties under its jurisdiction.

The Board of Selectmen are responsible for administering and enforcing these regulations and hereby appoint the Road Agent as their designee for this purpose.

Article I – General Traffic and Parking Provisions

1.01 Camping on Town Property

It shall be unlawful to use any motor vehicle or trailer, including travel trailers, camper pickup and the like, for the purpose of camping, including sleeping overnight and/or the preparation of cooked meals, while such motor vehicle or trailer is parked on the public highways or other public property of the Town of Tamworth. Furthermore, there is no camping of any sort allowed on Town property unless otherwise specifically permitted by the Town.

1.02 Bicycles/Skateboards/Rollerblades

Neither bicycles, skateboards nor rollerblades shall be operated on sidewalks.

1.03 Crosswalks

Pedestrians shall use crosswalks where available and shall have the right-of-way. All motorists will bring their vehicles to a complete stop and allow the safe passage of the pedestrians.

1.04 Speed limit on Town roads

The maximum speed limit on all Town roads shall be 35 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

1.05 Restricted Parking Streets

The following shall be designated as restricted parking streets:

A. Main Street: Main Street: **Diagonal parking** in front of the town hall with a 1-hour limit during office hours. **Diagonal parking** in front of the Lyceum. **Perpendicular parking** in front of the Library from the Lyceum to the Handicap Van parking space next to the main walkway for the Library. Other than in front of the Town Office, Lyceum and Library, parking must be parallel to the road and not obstruct traffic flow.

1.06 Prohibited Parking – Year-Round

A. No Parking in traveled portion of Town roadways.

B. Any commercial entity, organization, State and/or Local Highway maintenance crews who are actively working in the roadway, crossing the roadway and/or parking within the travel portion of the roadway shall have the appropriate signage to warn oncoming traffic of such activity and have the appropriate flaggers and/or police detail vehicles present to mitigate the flow of traffic safely around such activities. The Police Chief or the designee reserves the right to shut down any activities operating within the roadway that are not deemed safe to the flow of traffic or pedestrians and require such activities to cease until it can be made safe by way of signage, flagger and/or police detail.

C. No parking on sidewalks that are delineated by raised curbing.

D. No parking upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a way.

E. No parking within 15 feet either side of a fire hydrant or in a manner that poses obstruction to a fire hydrant.

F. No parking in any area marked as Residents Only, unless said vehicle is that of a resident or guest of a resident, and clearly has a current year Town permit sticker readily visible on their windshield.

G. No parking in any parking place, whether on public or private property, specially designated for a person with a walking disability by means of a sign as required by State RSA 265:73-a stating that the space is reserved for a person with a walking disability or displaying the international accessibility symbol, unless that person has a special plate or placard issued or recognized pursuant to State RSA 261:86 or 231:88 and the person who qualifies for the plate or placard is being transported to or from the parking place.

1.07 Prohibited Parking and Travel – Winter Months

From November 15th to April 30th of each year

- A. During hours of darkness parking on all public streets shall be prohibited during declared snow emergencies. The Road Agent may declare a snow emergency at anytime when a snowstorm is imminent. The Road Agent may, as soon as practical, but before 3:00pm of any such day, notify the local radio stations and ask them to broadcast that a snow emergency has been declared. The Road Agent shall also notify the Police and Fire Departments of the same.
- B. During hours of darkness parking shall be permitted in any Town parking lot during snow emergencies; provided, however, that any vehicles so parked must be removed from such town parking lot by 7:00 am.
- C. The drivers of a car disabled in snow emergency conditions shall immediately notify the Carroll County dispatch of the location of the car and shall make arrangements for its removal at the earliest possible moment.
- D. Pursuant to RSA 41:11 and 47:17, no person shall park any motor vehicle on any public highway at any time in such a manner as to impede snow plowing, snow removal or road surface treatment operations.
- E. Cars parked in violation of the foregoing regulations shall be towed away on order of the Road Agent or the Police Department and may be recovered by the owner or their agent only upon payment to the towing company.

1.08 Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited

- A. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law, or the directions of a police officer or official traffic device, no person except a person driving an emergency vehicle, State Highway Department or Town of Tamworth municipal vehicle actively engaged in work, shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street. The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons actively engaged in the delivery of gasoline, liquid propane, fuel oil or for the purpose of loading and unloading merchandise, for as long as it does not exceed the timeframe of thirty minutes.
- B. There shall be no stopping, standing or parking in a public way so as to hinder the flow of traffic.
- C. There shall be no parking where signs say NO PARKING.

1.09 Parking Spaces

All persons utilizing parking spaces shall be required to park their vehicles entirely within such designated spaces where they exist.

1.10 Seasonal

A. The following roads are designated as Highways to Summer Cottages under RSA 231:81 and shall be closed from November 15th to April 30 th each year.

1. Old Mail Road from 43 deg. 53'09"N 71 deg. 16' 57"W on the east end, to 43 deg. 53'24"N 71 deg. 17'38"W on the west end. 1 Traffic & Road Regulations Policy 10/22/2020

2. Chocorua Lake Road from 43 deg. 54'06"N 71 deg. 15'40"W on the west end, to 43 deg. 54'07"N 71 deg.15'11"W on the east end.

3. Pine Ground Road from 43 deg. 50'58"N 71 deg. 20'32"W on the north end, to 43 deg. 43 deg.50'38"N on the south end.

4. Hemenway Road from 43 deg. 53'39"N 70 deg. 18'21"W on the south end, to 43 deg. 53'47"N 71 deg. 18'31"W on the north end.

5. Meader Road from 43 deg. 52'31"N 71 deg. 20'26"W on the north end, to 43 deg. 51'31"N 71 deg. 20'38"W on the south end.

1.11 Violations – Penalties

The penalty for each violation of Article I may have a fine imposed of \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for each additional offense.

Fines shall be paid within ten working days at the Town Clerk's Office and thereafter will be subject to an additional penalty of \$15 per day. Failure to pay fine will result in a summons to court in which you can be fined a maximum of \$1,000, plus penalty assessment fee, set by the State. Furthermore, vehicles parked in violation of these regulations are also subject to being towed away at the owner's expense.

Article II – Snow Obstruction

2.01 Obstruction and Encroachments

Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any Class V or Class IV highway or town-maintained portion of a Class II highway for any purpose, shall be guilty of a violation.

2.02 Violations and Penalties

The penalty for each violation of Article II may have a fine imposed of \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for each additional offense.

Fines shall be paid within ten working days at the Town Clerk's Office and thereafter will be subject to an additional penalty of \$15 per day. Failure to pay will result in a summons to court in which you can be fined a maximum of \$1,000, plus penalty assessment fee, set by the State. Furthermore, vehicles parked in violation of these regulations are also subject to being towed away at the owner's expense.

Article III – Travel, Snow and All-Terrain Vehicles

3.01 Operation on Town property

No Self-propelled registered or unregistered motorized vehicle, including those commonly referred to as snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, mini-bikes, dirt bikes, quad runners, off highway recreational vehicles/OHRV's, etc. (per RSA215-A:1 or 215-C:1) shall be operated on any town roads or other property under the jurisdiction of the Town of Tamworth.

3.02 Exception

Use of a designated registered self-propelled motorized vehicle shall be permitted only on those town roads under the jurisdiction of the Town of Tamworth that have been designated by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 215-A:6 and :15 or RSA 215-C:8 for such use and which have been clearly marked with signs to allow use of such vehicles, but only in accord with all posted restrictions, if any. Hemingway Road and Locke Falls Road the unplowed sections have been designated for such use pursuant to the RSA's.

3.03 Violations – Penalties

The penalty for each violation of Article III may have a fine imposed of \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for each additional offense.

Fines shall be paid within ten working days at the Town Clerk's Office and thereafter will be subject to an additional penalty of \$15 per day. Failure to pay fine will result in a

summons to court in which you can be fined a maximum of \$1,000, plus penalty assessment fee, set by the State. Furthermore, vehicles parked in violation of these regulations are also subject to being towed away at the owner's expense.

Article IV – Weight Limits

4.01 Limitation on hauling

From and after the effective date on this article, it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation to haul, transport or cause to be transported by vehicle in excess of 6 tons, any material over posted Class V and Class VI roads; so noticed due to spring thaw or other road surface or structure conditions as deemed necessary by the Road Agent.

4.02 Exceptions

The restriction approved by Section 4.01 shall not apply to emergency vehicles and fuel trucks, or to such other vehicles as may be given written permission to pass by the Road Agent or its designee.

The Road Agent shall administer said posting and exceptions for vehicles over 6 tons based on specific requests for routing on specified ways when conditions are deemed appropriate. The Road Agent may impose reasonable conditions on such exceptions and may establish reasonable requirements for bonding and restoring the road as necessary.

4.03 Public Notice and Posting

All Town Class V and Class VI roads affected shall be published in a newspaper, and signs posted in a conspicuous location at all entrances to affected roads or portions of such roads from other public roads.

4.04 Violations and Penalties

The penalty for each violation of Article IV may have a fine imposed of \$500 for each offense. In addition, any person violating this Article VI is liable for the cost of restoration of the road to a condition satisfactory to the Road Agent.

Fines shall be paid within ten working days at the Town Clerk's Office and thereafter will be subject to an additional penalty of \$15 per day. Failure to pay fine will result in a summons to court in which you can be fined a maximum of \$1,000, plus penalty assessment fee, set by the State.

Article V – Snow Removal and Ice Control

5.01 Policy

It is the goal and intent of the Town of Tamworth to provide timely, efficient and cost-effective winter maintenance, snow removal and ice control on the public roadways of the Town for the health, safety, welfare and benefit of the Town residents and the general motoring public.

5.02 Procedure

The policy stated in Section 5.01 is implemented through the execution of the procedures and tasks outlined in this article. Due to the many variables that are inherent in New England weather, each storm and/or weather event may require slightly different effort and/or emphasis on any number of maintenance tasks, which together, determine the overall winter maintenance, snow removal or ice control strategy.

5.03 Level of Service

It is not possible to maintain a snow and ice-free road during a storm. It is the intention of the Town of Tamworth to provide practical, safe access to homes, businesses and municipal and school facilities during winter storms, but only within the Town's reasonable ability to do so given all the conditions.

Snow removal operations shall commence upon the discretion of the Road Agent based upon updated weather reports and other information. The Road Agent may elect to not remove snow at all or to commence removal operations at an accumulation of his discretion.

Generally, treatment of major roads and those more heavily traveled will take precedence over treatment of roads less heavily traveled. Also, treatment of roads in the vicinity of schools (when in session) and special events will take precedence over roadways in other parts of the Town. However, every storm and situation is different, and the Road Agent shall use his discretion to utilize manpower and equipment in a manner that best suits the particular characteristics of each storm and each situation.

Road pre-treatment and ice control measures may be undertaken prior to the commencement of snowfall or ice accumulation. However, given the differing degrees of effectiveness of various types of snow and ice treatment measures which depend upon a variety of factors (i.e. temperature, wind velocity, time of day, etc.), the time and type of treatment is up to the discretion of the Road Agent.

5.04 Implementation; Delay

The policy outlined in the Article is intended to serve as the normal operating procedures for winter maintenance, snow removal and/or ice control for the Town of Tamworth. However, one or more of the following may affect or delay implementation all or part of this Article:

- Equipment breakdown
- Snow accumulation in excess of 1" per hour
- Freezing rain or other icing conditions
- Traffic congestion
- Emergencies
- Personnel illness

5.05 Governing Law

Article V is adopted in accordance with the provision of RSA 231:92-a, RSA 507-B: 2-b and RSA 47:17 VII.

Adoption and Amendment

In the event an amendment to this Traffic and Road Regulations Policy is required, the Board of Selectmen is empowered, to the extent allowed by law, to amend this policy. Such amendment shall take effect only after holding a public hearing thereon, with notice thereof to be in accord with the requirements of RSA 675:7 (i.e. newspaper advertisement, posting in two public places).


The Town of Tamworth adopts the Traffic and Road Regulations Policy (inclusive of Articles I, II, III, IV and V) effective June 23, 2006 and revised as indicated below.

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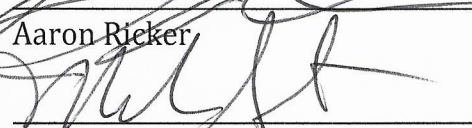


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