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CHAPTER 13

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Amended 04/13/1998 - Section 3.F.2. Time Limited Parking, Two Hour, pages 9 and 10.

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Section 3.2.A. Intersection Controls, Stop, page 15.

Amended 01/04/1999 - Section 3.F.3. Time Limited Parking, One Hour, page 11.

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Amended 09/05/2000 - Section 3.1.G. Permit and Reserved Parking, page 12.

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Section 3.4.G.2. Commercial Vehicles Standing, page 22.

Amended 02/04/2002 – Section 3.1.G. Permit and Reserved Parking, page 12.

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Section 3.4.A.1. Motor Vehicle Operation, page 21.

Amended 09/03/2002 – Section 3.1.F.3. One Hour Parking, page 10.

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Amended 10/15/2007- Section 3.2.A Intersection Controls, Stop, page 17.

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Amended 11/17/2008-Section 3.3 One Way Streets, Page 20.

Amended 01/05/2009-Section 3.1.F.2 Two Hour Parking, 3.1.F.6 All Day Parking, 3.2.B Yield, Pages 9, 11 and 20.

Amended 02/02/2009-Section 3.2.A Stop, pages 15 and 18.

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Amended 08/17/2009-Section 3.2.A Intersection Controls, Stop, pages 14, 16 and 20.

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Passed 01/13/2011 – Section 3.2.A Intersection Controls, Stop, page 19.

Passed 05/16/2011 – Section 3.4.B Motor Vehicle Operation, Speeds, page 22.

Passed 06/20/2011 – Section 3.4 Motor Vehicle Operation, Right Turn Prohibited, page 23.

Passed 09/06/2011-Section 3.1.D No Parking Anytime, page 7.

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Amended 05/05/2014-Section 3.1.D, Time Limited Parking, page 11.

Amended 09/22/2014-Section 3.4.E, Right on Red (Prohibited), page 24.

Amended 10/06/2014-Section 3.4.B, Speeds, page 23.

Amended 11/10/2014-Section 3.3, One Way Streets, page 22.

Amended 12/08/2014-Section 3.3, One Way Streets, page 22.\* (Constitutional Way-Ordinance No. 14-13 passed 06/03/2013 and was rescinded by Ordinance No. 6-15 on 12/08/2014.)

Passed 01/05/2015-Section 3.F.4 Time Limited Parking, 20 Minutes, page 11-12.

Added/Amended 04/06/2015-Section 3.1.F.2 Parking, Two Hour, pages 9-10.

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Amended 04/06/2015-Section 3.1.F.3 Parking, One Hour, pages 10-11.

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Amended 04/06/2015-Section 3.1.F.5 Parking, 15 Minute, page 12.

Amended 04/06/2015-Section 3.1.F.6 Parking, All Day, page 12.

Amended 04/06/2015-Section 3.1.G Parking, Permit and Reserved Parking, page 13.

Amended 10/19/2015 – Section 3.1.G Parking, No Parking Anytime, page 7.

Amended 11/09/2015 – Section 3.4.F Motor Vehicle Operations, Left Turn, page 24.

Amended 02/16/2016 – Section 5.1.D Parking, No Parking Anytime, page 6.

Amended 06/20/2016 – Section 5.1.F Parking, 15 Minute, page 12.

Amended 04/03/2017 – Section 3.3 One Way Streets, Page 22.

Amended 04/17/2017 – Section 3.4-F Right Turn Prohibited, pages 24-32.

Amended 08/13/2018 – Section F.5, Time Limited Parking, 15 Minutes,

Amended 08/13/2018 – Section F.2, Time Limited Parking, Two Hour, by adding:

Grove St. on the northerly side from Grand St. westerly to the telephone pole (NET&T CO 7 PSNN 35/6).

Amended 12/03/2018 – Section G, Permit and Reserved Parking by deleting: Former Nard's Appliance Parking Lot

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And further amend Chapter 13, Section F, Time Limited Parking, by renumbering.

Added 01/07/2019 - Chapter 13 Police Offenses, Section G, Permit and Reserved Parking – Snow Emergency Parking on Noble Street and River Street

Added 06/03/2019 – Chapter 13, Section 3.4, Motor Vehicle Operation, by Prohibiting Tractor-Trailers from Making a left hand turn onto Station Street from Government Way.

Added 12/16/2019 – To Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 13.3.1-D, No Parking Anytime (Ord 13-20)

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#### Section 1 Penalty & Severability

##### A. Penalty

Any person violating any provisions of this chapter except parking violations shall be guilty of a violation, and if charged and found guilty, shall be fined not more than \$500.00 unless another fine limit is specified in this chapter.

##### B. Parking Violation Fines

Any person who shall violate or permit any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter governing the parking of vehicles on streets or public property shall be fined according to the table below. If the fine has not been paid within five (5) days after issuance of the violation notice, then the registered owner of the vehicle will be notified by mail of the violation. If the violation has still not been answered within ten days of notification by mail, a complaint will be issued to the registered owner of the vehicle to appear in the District Court where the fine shall be no more than \$500.00 unless another fine limit is specified in this chapter.

Table of Parking Fines:

Parking fine paid within 5 days of ticket issue - \$10.00

Parking fine paid after 5 days from ticket issue but before summons issue - \$20.00

Parking fine paid after summons issue but before court appearance - \$30.00

Disability Van Access Aisles fine - \$50.00 (Added 11/21/2005.)

Handicapped parking fine - \$250.00. (Amended 11/21/2005.)

For the purposes of this chapter, proof of the identity of the registered owner of the vehicle in question shall be prima facie evidence that the registered owner parked the vehicle.

##### C. Severability.

If any provisions of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter which can be given effect with the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

#### Section 2 Definitions

- A. The word "vehicle" whenever used in this chapter shall include bus, highway building equipment, motorcycle, motor trucks, motor vehicle, semi-trailer, sidecar, tractor, trailer, minibikes, go-carts, snowmobiles, or other vehicle, all as defined by RSA 259:1.
- B. The word "street" whenever used in this chapter shall include crosswalk, intersection way or other public highway, all as defined by RSA 259:1.

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- C. The words "loud, unusual or other unnecessary noise" whenever used in this chapter shall include any noise occasioned by any one or more of the following actions of the operator of any vehicle:
1. Misuse of power exceeding tire traction limits in acceleration, sometimes known as "laying down rubber" or "peeling rubber", or
  2. Misuse of braking exceeding tire traction limits and deceleration where there is no emergency; or
  3. Rapid acceleration by means of quickly up shifting of transmission gear either a clutch and manual transmission or automatic transmission; or
  4. Rapid deceleration by means of quick downshifting of transmission gear either a clutch and manual transmission or an automatic transmission; or
  5. Racing of engines by manipulation of accelerator, gas pedal, carburetor or gear selection whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still; or
  6. The blowing of any horn or other noise-making device except as a warning signal, whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still.
- D. The initials "RSA" shall mean the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated and any reference to a citation in the statutes shall include any revision to that statute which shall be subsequently enacted by the Legislature.
- E. The Somersworth Plaza Parking Lot is that area which is bounded by the portion of Washington Street, a portion of Main Street, John Parsons Drive and by the downtown Urban Renewal Shopping Center.

### **Section 3 Traffic Control**

#### Section 3.1 Parking

##### **A. General Rules**

1. No person shall stand or park a vehicle in any street other than parallel with the edge of the street headed in the direction of lawful movement and with the right hand wheel of the vehicle within twelve (12) inches of the curb or edge of the road except as otherwise indicated.
2. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the direction(s) of a police officer or official traffic control device, no person shall:
  - a. Stop, stand or park a motor vehicle:
    - 1) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street (Double Park).
    - 2) On a sidewalk.
    - 3) Within twenty-five feet of an intersection or within an intersection.
    - 4) On a crosswalk.



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- 5) Partially or completely on the non-roadway side of any curb, wherever a street is curb, so that parking all or any portion of a vehicle other than completely on the roadway side of a curb is prohibited.
  - 6) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.
- b. Stop or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers.
    - 1) In front of a public or private driveway.
    - 2) Within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant.
    - 3) Within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
    - 4) Within thirty feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, or stop sign or other traffic control signal located at the side of the roadway.
  - c. Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily, for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers:
    - 1) Within fifty feet of the nearest rail at a railroad crossing.
    - 2) At any place where official signs prohibit parking.
  - d. No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his control into such prohibited area or away from a curb such a distance as is unlawful.

#### **B. Signs**

1. The Traffic Safety Committee shall make the final determination of where street-parking signs shall be placed and where and with what symbols streets or parts of streets shall be marked.
2. Angle parking shall not be indicated or permitted at any place where passing traffic would thereby be caused or required to drive upon the left side of the street.
3. Upon those streets or parts of streets which have been signed or marked for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings and the front of such vehicle shall be toward the curb line.
4. Signs shall conform to the Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices of the US Department of Transportation as modified by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

#### **C. Electrical Signals**

1. The driver of any motor vehicle shall obey the instructions of any traffic control device applicable thereto placed as provided by law, unless otherwise directed by a traffic or police officer, subject to the exceptions, if any, granted the driver of an authorized emergency motor vehicle.

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2. Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used as a traffic sign or signal it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

- a. Flashing red (stop signal). When a red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a stop line when marked, or if none, then before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.
- b. Flashing yellow (caution signal). When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution.

#### **D. No Parking Anytime**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle, to park or cause the same to be parked at any time at any of the following locations:

Beacon St. on the southerly side.

Beacon St. on the northerly side.

Blackwater Rd. on the northerly side 240 Ft. westerly from High St.

Blackwater Rd. on the southerly side 180 Ft. westerly from High St.

Blackwater Road, 250 feet westerly from Route 108, on the north side of the street (12/16/2019)

Blackwater Road, 250 feet westerly from Route 108, on the south side of the street (12/16/2019)

Cass St. on the westerly side.

Cemetery Rd. on the easterly side from the Memorial Drive intersection for a distance of 100 feet south. (Passed 09/18/2006.)

Central St. on the southerly side.

Church Ct. on the northerly side.

Church Ct. on the southerly side.

Constitutional Way on the east side (Salmon Falls River side) between Washington Street and High Street. (Passed 09/03/2013.)

Fayette St. on the northerly side between Elm and Green St.

First St. on the westerly side. (Passed 09/04/2012.)

Ford St. on the northerly side.

Franklin St. on the northerly side between Green and Silver Sts.

Franklin St. on the northerly side at the entrance to Broad St.

Franklin St. on the northerly side between the entrance/exit to Preservation Park and East Alley, (1 space). (Passed 03/15/1993.)

Franklin St. on the southerly side 50 ft. from intersection of West Green St.

Franklin St. approximately 100 feet westerly from Green St, on the south side of the street (to opposite side of the road from the intersection with Silver St.

Grand St. on the westerly side between Hamilton and Noble Sts. but only when Noble Pines Playground is open.

Grand St. on the westerly side between Highland and Grove Sts. from December 1 to April 1.

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Grove St. on the northerly side from the telephone pole (NET&T CO 7 PSNN 35/6) westerly to Prospect St. (Passed 04/17/1995.)

Grove St. northerly and southerly at the intersection of High St. for 40 Ft. in a westerly direction from September to June.

Hamilton St. on the southerly side for 150 ft. from the intersection with High and West High Sts.

Hamilton St. on the northerly side for 50 ft. from the intersection with High St.

High St. on the westerly side from Memorial Drive north to West High St.  
(Passed 03/21/1994.)

High St. on the easterly side from Pleasant St. to Constitutional Way.

High St. on the northwesterly side from Hamilton St. to Noble St.

High St. on the northeasterly side for 60 ft. from the intersection with Washington St.

High St. on the southeasterly side for 110 ft. from the intersection with Washington St.

High St. on the easterly side from Pearl to Garden St.

High St. on the southerly side for 220 ft. southerly from the intersection of Indigo Hill Rd.

High St. on the northeasterly side for a distance of 80 ft. northerly from the intersection of Indigo Hill Rd.

High St. on the southwest side for a distance of 130 ft. southerly from the intersection of Blackwater Rd.

High St. on the northwesterly side for a distance of 110 ft. northerly from the intersection of Blackwater Rd.

High St. on the easterly side from Garden to Pleasant St.

Highland St. on the northerly side from Lord's Ct. westerly to Grand St.

Highland St. on either side from the intersection of Highland and Grand St. to the intersection of Highland and Prospect St.

Indigo Hill Rd. northerly side from Main St. to the Boston & Maine Railroad Track.

Indigo Hill Rd. on the southerly side from Main St. to the Boston & Maine Railroad Track.

Indigo Hill Rd. on the northerly side for a distance of 130 ft. easterly from the intersection of High St.

Indigo Hill Rd. on the southerly for a distance of 135 ft. easterly from the intersection of High St.

Indigo Hill Rd. on either side from the New Hampshire Northcoast Railroad tracks to River and Second Sts. (Passed 07/21/1997.)

Interstate Dr. on either side of the road.

Kelwyn Park both sides, 20 ft. from High St.

Kings Lane on the northerly side. (Added 02/16/2016.)

Kings Lane on the southerly side. (Added 02/16/2016.)

Lincoln St. on the easterly side. (Passed 04/20/2009)

Linden St. on the westerly side. (Passed 04/20/2009)

Lord's Ct. both sides.

Main St. west side for a distance of 50 ft. northerly from Washington St.

Main St. east side for 50 ft. northerly from Franklin St.

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Main St. on the easterly side from the Depot St. intersection for a distance of 350 feet north.

(Passed 09/18/2006.)

Main St. on the easterly side from a point located immediately south from the steps descending into the General Electric parking lot, one parking space.

Main St. on the easterly side from a point located immediately north from the steps descending into the parking lot of the General Electric Co. and extending to a point immediately south of the roadway leading from Main St. into the General Electric Co. yard.

Main St. on the easterly side from the stairway of the General Electric Co. to the vehicular entrance.

Main St. on the easterly side for 50 ft. in a northerly direction from the intersection with Indigo Hill Rd.

Main St. on the easterly side from a point opposite Franklin St. to a point opposite 183 Main St.

Main Street on the west side 50 feet southerly from the intersection of Franklin St.

(Passed 12/14/2009.)

Maple St. on the southerly side from Hillside St to Linden St. (Passed 04/20/2009)

Maple St. on the westerly side from Bartlett Ave. to Cemetery Rd. (Passed 09/03/2002.)

(Maple St Ext. changed to Maple St. Section 3.1.D Passed 04/20/2009)

Memorial Dr. on the northerly side from the High School Parking Lot for 475 feet east on Memorial Dr. (Passed 03/07/1994.)

Market St. on the westerly side from Market St. (parking area) to the pedestrian crosswalk (about 100 ft.)

Mt. Auburn St. on the northerly side.

Mt. Vernon St. on the southerly side. (Passed 04/20/2009)

Myrtle St. on the southerly side from the intersection of Green St 125 ft. westerly from Green St.

Noble St. on the southerly side. (Passed 04/20/2009)

Page St. on the westerly side. (Passed 04/20/2009)

Pemberton Ln. on the easterly side within 40 ft. of Noble St. (Amended 10/19/2015.)

Pemberton Ln. on the westerly side between Noble St. and Mt. Vernon St. (Amended 10/19/2015.)

Pleasant St. on the northerly side from No. 41 Pleasant St. westerly to High St.

Pleasant St. on the southerly side from High St. for approximately 150 ft.

Prospect St.\* on the southerly side. (Passed 04/20/2009)

\*Whereupon signs are removed or covered, parking on the southerly side of Prospect Street will be allowed until November, 2014. All other parking rules shall be enforced. (Passed 05/05/2014.)

School St. on the northerly side.

School St. on the easterly side.

Silver St. on the westerly side.

Silver St. on the easterly side for 87 ft. from the intersection with Pleasant St.

Somersworth Rd. on the east side from Kelwyn Pk. to Dover City Line.

Somersworth Rd. on the easterly and westerly sides from a point beginning 330 ft. north of Tri-City Rd. to the entrance of Kelwyn Pk.

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Spring St. on the northerly side.

Stackpole Road on the northerly and southerly sides from High Street to 100 ft. past the intersection of Deer Creek Run. (Passed 09/06/2011.)

Summer St. on the northerly side.

Summer St. on the southerly side from the first telephone pole (#107/03/106) westerly to Union St. (Passed 12/05/1994.)

Verona St. on both sides of the road.

Walnut St. on the northerly and southerly sides.

Walnut Street on the south side 20 feet westerly from the intersection of Main Street.  
(Passed 10/05/2009.)

Washington St. on the southerly side between Main and Green Sts.

Washington St. on the northerly side from High St. to Constitutional Way.

Washington St. on the southerly side for 100 ft. from the intersection of High St.

Water St. on the southerly side.

West High St. on the southerly side for 100 ft. from the intersection with High St.

West High St. on the northerly side 1100 feet from the intersection with High Street and Hamilton Streets. (Amended 02/04/2008.)

#### **E. Other Parking Regulations**

##### **1. Snow Emergency**

A. The Director of Public Works, or designee, shall be empowered to declare a snow emergency for the purpose of winter maintenance of streets during snowstorms. Once the emergency is declared, the emergency shall continue until such time as it is terminated pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

B. No person having custody or control of any vehicle shall park or cause any vehicle to be parked on any street, highway or Somersworth Plaza parking area except designated winter storm parking area(s) in the City of Somersworth when a snow emergency is in effect. The Director of Public Works, or designee, shall be empowered to cause any vehicle which violates this ordinance to be ticketed and towed.

C. Once the Director has declared a snow emergency, the Director shall immediately notify the local media, including radio and newspapers. Whenever feasible, the Director shall also provide advance notification to the public of snowstorms likely to generate snow emergencies. The Director shall give notice to the local media as to when the snow emergency is terminated; when feasible, the Director shall provide notice as to the anticipated termination of the emergency based upon weather predictions.

D. The Director's authority to declare a snow emergency shall be operable both during the daytime and the nighttime.

E. The Director of Public Works shall cause appropriate signs to be posted at the City boundaries at: Route 108, Route 16B, High Street, Market Street, Green Street, Buffumsville

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Road, Main Street, Blackwater Road, West High Street and Rocky Hill Road. Such signage should provide notice regarding potential snow emergencies and should advise travelers where to seek further information on the snow emergency. (Passed 10/02/2000.)

#### **2. Fire Lane & Fire Scene**

No person shall drive any vehicle over a fire hose on any public street or way in the City of Somersworth unless directed to do so by the police or firefighters.

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked except for live pickups on any public or private property designated as fire lane by the Fire Department. (Passed 6/03/1991.)

#### **3. Handicapped**

On any primary or election day there shall be one handicapped parking space at all polling places, and it shall be so marked.

There will be no stopping, standing or parking in a parking stall laid out on any public way designated for handicapped persons with a walking disability except for vehicles displaying a duly authorized walking disability permit identification decal, special registration plate, tag or card issued in accordance with RSA 261:88 by the Director of Motor Vehicles of the State of New Hampshire or any other state.

#### **4. Temporary No Parking**

The Police Department shall have the authority to prohibit parking temporarily for any bona fide public purpose such as street or utility maintenance, parade, festival or the like for a period not to exceed 72 hours by posting signs or notices to that effect. When so ordered and posted as Temporary No Parking, to include special permissions such as Handicapped Parking, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park, cause to be parked or allow to remain parked, the same on any street or way. (Amended 11/15/2010.)

Any vehicle found in violation of this sub-section may be towed away or removed to a public garage at the owner's risk and expense. (Passed 08/21/1989.)

Any person convicted of violating this sub-section of this chapter shall be fined a minimum of \$100.00.

#### **F. Time Limited Parking**

##### **1. Five Hour**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays, or on public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets, or parts of streets, as listed below for more than five hours between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.:

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Washington St. on the southerly side between High St. and Green St. except the westerly 100 feet.

(Added 01/07/2019)

## **2. Three Hour**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays, or on public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets, or parts of streets, as listed below for more than three hours between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.:

Plaza Parking Lot: In those areas of the Plaza Parking Lot which are designated for parking purposes by white lanes only.

Green St. on the easterly side from Fayette St. to Washington St. (Passed 07/17/1989.)

Fayette St. on the northerly side between Main and Elm St. (Passed 11/13/1989.)

## **3. Two Hour**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays or on public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets, or parts of streets, as listed below for more than two hours between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.:

Elm St. on the westerly side from 45 Elm St. to Church Ct.

Fayette St. on the southerly side from Main St. to East Alley. (Passed 02/04/1991.)

Fayette St. on the southerly side from West Alley to Green St. (Passed 02/04/1991.)

Green St. on both sides north on Green St. from the intersection of Green and Franklin Sts., three spaces.

Grove St. on the northerly side from Grand St. westerly to the telephone pole  
(NET&T CO 7 PSNN 35/6). (Amended 08/13/2018.)

High St. on the westerly side from Highland St. to 25 High St. (Passed 01/21/1991.)

High St. on the easterly side between Constitutional Way and Station St. (Amended 01/05/2009.)

Main St. on the westerly side from Parsons Dr. to Station St. (Passed 01/21/1991.) (Amended 01/05/2009.)

Main St. on the easterly side from a point at the southerly side of the building at 46 Main St. to the crosswalk leading to the Boston & Maine Railroad Station.

Main St. the easterly side two (2) spaces in front of 20 Main St.

Main St. on the easterly side from a point at the northerly end of the property at 192 Main St. ten (10) spaces northerly. (Passed 07/21/1997.)

Market St. on the westerly side from Winter St. to 31 Market St. (Amended 02/07/2000.)

Union St. on the westerly side from Franklin St. to 3 Union St.

Washington St. on the northerly side between Elm St. and Constitutional Way.

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(Amended 04/06/2015.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays or on public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets, or parts of streets, as listed below for more than two hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., notwithstanding any other restrictions on those spaces. (Added as Amended 04/06/2015.)

High St. on the westerly side from Highland St. to Government Way.

High St. on the easterly side between Constitutional Way and Government Way.

High St. on the westerly side between Beacon St. and Prospect St.

John Parsons Dr. both sides of the street between Government Way and Main St.

Main St. on the westerly side between John Parsons Dr. and High St.

Main St. on the easterly side between John Parsons Dr. and Station St.

Main St. both sides between Washington St. and Fair Ct.

Main St. on the easterly side between Canal St. and the Berwick Bridge.

Washington St. northerly side between Constitutional Way and Elm St.

**3A. Ninety Minutes**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on any day within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets, as listed below for more than ninety minutes:

(Deleted 04/06/2015.)

**4. One Hour**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays, or on public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets, as listed below, for more than one hour between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.:

(Deleted 04/06/2015.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays, or on public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets, as listed below, for more than one hour between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.:

Government Way on the westerly side from Somersworth Plaza Travel Lane, so called, to Station Street. (Amended 05/20/2002.) (Amended 02/20/2007.)

(Amended 04/06/2015.)



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When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays, or on public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets, as listed below, for more than one hour between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., notwithstanding any other restrictions on those spaces.

Market St. easterly side between Main St. and Canal St. (Added 04/06/2015.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets as listed below for more than one hour.

Franklin St. on both sides from Green St. easterly about 170 feet to a point at West Alley.

(Amended 04/06/2015.)

#### **5. 30 Minute**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to be parked or cause the same to be parked on any day except Saturday, Sunday, or public holidays, within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets as listed below, for more than thirty (30) minutes between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.:

(Amended 05/20/2002.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets listed below for more than 30 minutes:

(Amended 05/20/2002.)

Note: Left open for future additions.

(Added 09/03/2002.)

#### **6. 20 Minute**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets listed below for more than 20 minutes between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily:

(Deleted 04/06/2015.)

#### **6.A**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked for more than 20 minutes, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., on Sunday, Tuesday through Saturday, in the listed areas:

Green Street, on the easterly side, two (2) parallel spaces adjacent to 102 Green Street. (Passed 01/05/2015.)

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**7. 15 Minute**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays, or public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets, as listed below, for more than 15 minutes, between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.:

Government St. on the easterly side at U.S. Post Office. (Amended 05/20/2002.)

Green St. on the easterly side two (2) parallel spaces at 112-114 Green St.

Green St. on the easterly side one parallel space in front of Charpentier Apartments north of and adjacent to the painted curb for the fire hydrant buffer area. (Passed 05/07/2001.)

Green St. on the easterly side from the fire hydrant buffer north to the intersection of Franklin St.

(Passed 09/07/2004.)

Main St. on the westerly side in front of premises known as 199-203 Main St.

Market Street on the westerly side one (1) parallel space at 45 Market Street. Any day except Saturday, Sundays or Public Holidays, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Passed 6/20/2016)

Walnut St. on the southerly side from Main St. to the driveway exit of the Strafford Learning Center property. (Passed 02/22/2000.)

(Amended 04/06/2015.)

**8. All Day**

Constitutional Way westerly side from High St. to Washington St. (Added 04/06/2015.)

High St. both sides between Beacon St. and Government Way. (Added 04/06/2015.)

Highland St. on the north side between High St. and Grand St. (Passed 09/03/2013.)

Main St. both sides from Washington St. to John Parsons Dr. (Added 04/06/2015.)

Main St. on the westerly side from 209 Main St. to Spring St. (Added 01/08/2024)

Station St. northerly side from Government Way to Main St. (Added 04/06/2015.)

Washington St. northerly side from Elm St. to Main St. (Added 04/06/2015.)

(Renumbered 01/07/2019)

**G. Permit and Reserved Parking**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked in the following districts or parts of streets except for duly authorized vehicles as follows:

In the rear of the Somersworth Public Library three (3) spaces are reserved for the staff of the Library. (Amended 05/15/1989.)

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Memorial Dr. on both sides in front of the High School, a total of seventy-three spaces Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. while school is in session. (Passed 09/05/2000.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be lawful for persons possessing authorizations issued by the Chief of Police pursuant to a lease by and between the City and the owners of property located in the downtown business district, to park in the sixteen (16) spaces on the north side of Winter Street between Market and Linden Streets, notwithstanding any other restrictions on those spaces. (Amended 01/22/1996.) (Amended 03/20/2000.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for a person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on the following streets between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. unless said vehicle displays a special permit issued by the City Manager or his designee to the owners of businesses or property located on High Street: (Amended 08/16/1993.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for a person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked in a designated area of the Somersworth Shopping Plaza Parking Lot for more than three hours between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., excluding weekend and holidays, unless said vehicle displays a parking permit issued by the Chief of Police.

(Passed 06/01/1992.)

(Amended 08/16/1993.)

When signs are erected it shall be unlawful for anyone having custody or control of a vehicle to park without a permit issued by the Chief of Police in the following areas of the Somersworth Shopping Plaza.

1. For more than one hour in the twelve spaces along the John Parsons Dr., unless they display a permit with the initials P.T. A permit fee of \$20.00 per month will be charged.

(Passed 09/03/2013.)

3. The seven spaces along Main Street between John Parson's Drive and entrance to the Main Street Plaza. Vehicles must display a permit marked Plaza Terrace (P.T.) A permit fee of \$20.00 per month will be charged. (Passed 09/03/2013.)

(Amended 04/06/2015.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. excluding weekends and holidays unless said vehicle displays a parking permit issued by the Chief of Police.

Note: In the event of a snow emergency those vehicles permitted for Plaza Terrace tenants will not be required to move their vehicles to allow snow removal. Those other permitted vehicles for that parking lot will be required to move vehicles as needed for snow removal. (Passed 09/03/2013.)

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When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for anyone having custody or control of a vehicle to park or cause to be parked in a designated area:

- 17 parking stalls along Noble Street (south side) adjacent to Noble Pines Park, and
- 5 parking stalls along River Street, adjacent to Jules Bisson Park,

without a valid permit issued by the Chief of Police. These parking stalls will be available November 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> each year for permit parking only at a rate of \$20.00 per month. Permitted vehicles displaying a valid permit are authorized to park a vehicle in this area during the designated dates and during a declared “Snow Emergency”. However at the completion of the “Snow Emergency” vehicles in these permitted areas will be moved no later than 8:00am of the following day. (Added 01/07/2019)

#### **H. Special**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park, or cause the same to be parked during the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Sundays within the district or upon any of the streets or parts of streets, as listed below:

Maple St. both sides of the street, 100 ft. in an easterly direction from West High St.  
Maple St. both sides of the street, 160 ft. in a westerly direction from West High St.  
West High St., both sides of the street, 180 ft. in a northwest direction from Maple St.  
West High St., both sides of the street, 275 ft. in a southeast direction from Maple St.  
Sunset Dr., both sides of the street, 125 ft. in a northerly direction from West High St.

All authorized parking within the Somersworth shopping plaza area shall be exclusively within the space designated by painted white lines on the pavement for parking. It shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause to be parked within the Somersworth Shopping Plaza anywhere else except for commercial vehicles when actually loading or unloading.

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on any day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, or public holidays on the following streets or parts of streets:

Indigo Hill Rd. on the southerly side from Alicia St. to Main St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. on the northerly side from Congress St. to Main St.

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on the following streets or parts of streets:

Cemetery Rd. on the westerly side from a point beginning 50 feet north of Memorial Dr. to Doelson St. during the school calendar year.

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When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the following streets or parts of streets:

Doelson St. on both sides Monday through Friday when school is in session.

Cemetery Rd. on the westerly side from West High St. to the Cemetery Rd. entrance to Mt. Calvary Cemetery. (Amended 06/05/1989.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on any day except Sundays or public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets, as listed below, for more than 15 minutes, between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.:

Market St. on the westerly side at 45 Market St. between signs. (Passed 05/15/1995.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on the South side of Memorial Drive between the East and West driveways of the Middle School during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (Passed 12/08/2003.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle traveling either north or south on High Street to enter onto Pinecrest Drive. (Passed 12/08/2003.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to make other than a right-hand turn onto High Street from Pinecrest Drive. (Passed 12/08/2003.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on the east side of Lord's Court during the time period of November 15<sup>th</sup> until April 15<sup>th</sup>. (Passed 01/08/2024)

### **Section 3.2 Intersection Controls**

#### **A. Stop**

It shall be unlawful to drive any vehicle into the intersection of the following named streets without first bringing such vehicle to a full stop:

Aspen Drive for westbound traffic on Hickory Lane. (Passed 11/15/2010.)

Bartlett Ave. for southbound traffic on Cass St.

Bartlett Ave. for northbound traffic on Guy St.

Bartlett Ave. for southbound traffic on Lenox St. (Passed 02/20/2007.)

Blackwater Rd. for southbound traffic on Forest Glade Park Rd.

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Blackwater Rd. for southbound traffic on Maple St.  
Blackwater Rd. for northbound traffic on Cecile St.  
Blackwater Rd. for northbound traffic on Edmund St.  
Blackwater Rd. for northbound traffic on Laurel Ln.  
Blackwater Rd. for northbound traffic on Crest Dr.  
Blackwater Rd. for northbound traffic on Varney Rd.

Bourque St. for southbound traffic on Third St. (Passed 09/17/1990.)

Buffumsville Rd. for northbound traffic on Down St.  
Buffumsville Rd. for eastbound traffic on Rita Rd.

Cemetery Rd. for northbound traffic on Memorial Dr.  
Cemetery Rd. for southbound traffic on Doelson St.

Chesley St. at Third St.

Clement Rd. for eastbound traffic on Glenview Dr.  
Clement Rd. for eastbound traffic on Paul St.

Commercial Drive for westbound traffic on Penny Lane. (Passed 08/17/2009.)  
Commercial Way for southbound traffic on Penny Lane connector. (Passed 08/21/2006.)

Cornfield Drive for westbound traffic on Maize Drive. (Passed 10/04/2010.)

Crest Dr. for westbound traffic on Drew Rd.  
Crest Dr. for eastbound traffic on Fox Ct.

Davis St. for eastbound traffic on Laurier St. (Passed 10/21/1991.)  
Davis St. for southbound traffic on Cote St. (Passed 08/16/1993.)  
Davis St. for westbound traffic on Laurier St. (Passed 10/21/1991.)

Down St. at Buffumsville Rd.

Elm St. for eastbound traffic on Church St.

Emery St. at Maple St.

Emmons St. for southbound traffic on Cote St. (Passed 01/06/2003.)

Francoeur Dr. for southerly traffic on the easterly end of Westman St. (Passed 8/16/1993.)

Franklin St. for southbound traffic on Garden St.  
Franklin St. for southbound traffic on Green St.  
Franklin St. for southbound traffic on Silver St.

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Franklin St. for northbound traffic on Green St.  
Franklin St. for northbound traffic on Portland St.  
Franklin St. for northbound traffic on Union St.

Flynn St. for southbound traffic on Westman St.

Garden St. for westbound traffic on Fremont St.  
Government Way for westbound traffic on John Parsons Dr. (Amended 02/20/2007.)  
Grand St. for westbound traffic on Hamilton St. (Added 02/02/2009.)

Green St. for eastbound traffic on Franklin St.  
Green St. for eastbound traffic on Indigo Hill Rd.  
Green St. for eastbound traffic on Morning St.  
Green St. for eastbound traffic on Myrtle St.  
Green St. for eastbound traffic on Pleasant St.  
Green St. for eastbound traffic on South St.  
Green St. for eastbound traffic on Stackpole Rd.  
Green St. for westbound traffic on Church St.  
Green St. for westbound traffic on Fayette St.  
Green St. for westbound traffic on Franklin St.  
Green St. for westbound traffic on Glenview St.  
Green St. for westbound traffic on Indigo Hill Rd.  
Green St. for westbound traffic on Mt. Auburn St.  
Green St. for westbound traffic on Paul St.  
Green St. for westbound traffic on Ash St.  
Green St. for westbound traffic on School St.  
Green St. for westbound traffic on Spruce St.

Grove St. for southbound traffic on Grand St.  
Grove St. for northbound traffic on Grand St.

Hanson St. for eastbound traffic on Horne St.

Hickory Lane for northbound traffic on Aspen Drive. (Passed 11/15/2010.)

High St. for eastbound traffic on Bartlett Ave.  
High St. for eastbound traffic on Beacon St.  
High St. for eastbound traffic on Bernier St.  
High St. for eastbound traffic on Blackwater Rd.  
High St. for eastbound traffic on Drew Rd.  
High St. for eastbound traffic on Grove St.  
High St. for eastbound traffic on Highland St.  
High St. for eastbound traffic on Memorial Dr.  
High St. for eastbound traffic on Midway Pk.  
High St. for eastbound traffic on Mt. Vernon St.  
High St. for eastbound traffic on Noble St.  
High Street for eastbound traffic on Penny Lane. (Passed 08/17/2009.)

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High St. for eastbound traffic on Crest Dr.  
High St. for eastbound traffic on Washburn Ct.

High St. for westbound traffic on Constitutional Way  
High St. for westbound traffic on Ellswick St.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Franklin St.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Garden St.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Government Way. (Amended 02/20/2007.)  
High St. for westbound traffic on Horne St.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Laurier St.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Lemelin Ct.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Middle St.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Pearl St.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Pleasant St.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Sinclair Ave  
High St. for westbound traffic on South St.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Stackpole Rd.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Tri-City Rd.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Wilson St.  
High St. for westbound traffic on Wolcott St.

Highland St. for southbound traffic on Grand St.  
Highland St. for northbound traffic on Grand St.

Hillside Dr. for westerly traffic on Prospect St. (Passed 03/15/1993.)

Indigo Hill Rd. for southbound traffic on Congress St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for southbound traffic on River St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for southbound traffic on Down St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for southbound traffic on Green St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for southbound traffic on Main St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for southbound traffic on Union St.

Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Alicia St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Cornfield Drive. (Passed 10/04/2010.)  
Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Davis St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Down St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on First St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Green St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Lee St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Main St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Rowland St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Second St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Third St.  
Indigo Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Williams St.

John Parsons Dr. for northbound traffic on Government Way. (Passed 08/21/2006.)



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John Parsons Dr. for northbound traffic at Somersworth Plaza.

John Parsons Dr. at Somersworth Plaza for eastbound traffic (traffic leaving Plaza must stop before proceeding. (Passed 11/21/2005.)

Laurier St. for northbound traffic on Davis St.

Laurier St. for southbound traffic on Davis St.

Lenox St. for westbound traffic on Chadwick Ln. ( Passed 02/20/2007.)

Lily Pond Rd. for northbound traffic on Coombs Rd.

Lily Pond Rd. for northbound traffic on Oakridge Dr.

Lincoln St. for northbound traffic on Maple St.

Lincoln St. for southbound traffic on Maple St.

Lincoln St. at Winter St.

Linden St. for southbound traffic on Winter St. (Passed 7/17/1989.)

Linden St. for eastbound traffic on Maple St. (Passed 1/14/2002.)

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Central St.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Daniel St.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Depot St.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Fayette St.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Franklin St.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on John Parsons Dr.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Mt. Auburn St.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Nadeau St.

Main St. for eastbound traffic from Somersworth Plaza

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Station St. (Amended 02/20/2007.).

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Summer St.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Turgeon's Ln.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Walnut St.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Washington St.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Water St.

Main St. for eastbound traffic on Wiggin Ct.

Main St. for westbound traffic on Centre Rd.

Main St. for westbound traffic on Depot St.

Main St. for westbound traffic on both Indigo Hill Roads.

Maize Drive for southbound traffic on Cornfield Drive. (Passed 10/04/2010.)

Maple St. for northbound traffic on Hillside Dr.

Maple St. for southbound traffic on Hillside Dr.

Maple St. for westbound traffic exiting the access of Maplewood School. (Passed 10/15/2007.)

Maple St. for westbound traffic on Bartlett Ave.

Maple St. for southbound traffic on Ben-Rich Dr.

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Maple St. for westbound traffic on Cemetery Rd.  
Maple St. for westbound traffic on Guy St.  
Maple St. for southbound traffic on Primrose Ln.  
Maple St. for southbound traffic on Lil-Nor Ave.  
Maple St. for southbound traffic on Varney St.  
Maple St. for eastbound traffic on Forest Glade Pk. Rd.  
Maple St. for eastbound traffic on Tates Brook Rd.

Market St. for eastbound traffic on Market St.  
Market St. for eastbound traffic on Prospect St.

Morning St. for northbound traffic on Nash Pkwy.  
Mt. Vernon St. for northbound traffic on Grand St.  
Mr. Vernon St. for southbound traffic on Grand St.  
Mt. Vernon St. at its intersection with Prospect St.

Myrtle St. for southbound traffic on Locke Ave.  
Myrtle St. for northbound traffic on Morning St.

Noble St. for northbound traffic on Grand St.  
Noble St. for southbound traffic on Grand St.

Old Rochester Road for westbound traffic on Hickory Lane. (Passed 11/15/2010.)

Page St. for westbound traffic on Maple St.  
Page St. for Eastbound traffic on Maple St.  
Page St. at Winter St.

Pearl St. for southbound traffic on Hanson St. (Added 10/15/2012.)

Pinecrest Dr. for westbound traffic on Drew Rd.  
Pinecrest Dr. for eastbound traffic on Fox Ct.

Pinewood Dr. at the interior intersection for westbound traffic on Pinewood Dr.  
(Passed 01/18/1999.)

Pleasant St. for northbound traffic on West Green St.

Pond Rd. for northbound traffic on Coombs Rd.  
Pond Rd. for northbound traffic on Oakridge Dr.

Portland St. at South St.  
Portland St. at Franklin St.

Prospect St. for southbound traffic on Emery St.  
Prospect St for northbound traffic on Grand St. (Added 02/02/2009.)  
Prospect St for westbound traffic on Highland St. (Added 02/02/2009.)

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Prospect St. for southbound traffic on Lincoln St.  
Prospect St. for southbound traffic on Maple St.  
Prospect St. for southbound traffic on Page St.

River St. for westbound traffic on Buffumsville Rd.

Rochester St. for westerly traffic on Prospect St. (Passed 03/15/1993.)

Rocky Hill Rd. for westbound traffic on Granite Way. (Passed 02/07/1994.)  
Rocky Hill Rd. for westbound traffic on Wells St.  
Rocky Hill Rd. for westbound traffic on Winter St.  
Rocky Hill Rd. for eastbound traffic on Otis Rd.  
Rocky Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Rochester St.  
Rocky Hill Rd. for northbound traffic on Lily Pond Rd. (Passed 11/21/1998.)

Route 108 for eastbound traffic on Blackwater Rd.  
Route 108 for eastbound traffic on Interstate Dr.  
Route 108 for eastbound traffic on Works Way. (Passed 01/13/2011.)  
Route 108 for westbound traffic on Blackwater Rd.  
Route 108 for westbound traffic on Greenfield Dr.  
Route 108 for westbound traffic on Kilda St.  
Route 108 for westbound traffic on Pinewood Dr.  
Route 108 for westbound traffic on Willand Dr. (Passed 11/17/1997.)

Ruel St. for southbound traffic on Chabot St. (Passed 06/16/2003.)

Route 16-B for easterly traffic on Blackwater Rd.  
Route 16-B for westerly traffic on Blackwater Rd.  
Route 16-B for westerly traffic on Laurel Lane.

Salmon Falls Rd. for easterly traffic on Maloney St.

Second St. for westerly traffic on Bourque St.

Silver St. for easterly traffic on Fremont St.

South St. for northerly traffic on Locke Ave.  
South St. for southerly traffic on Portland St.

Station St. for northbound traffic on Government Way. (Amended 02/20/2007.)  
Station St. for southbound traffic on Government Way. (Amended 02/20/2007.)

Sunset Dr. for westerly traffic on Albert St.

Tates Brook Rd. for westbound traffic on Ben-Rich Dr.  
Tates Brook Rd. for westbound traffic on Pinkham Ave.  
Tates Brook Rd. for westbound traffic on Lil-Nor Ave.

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Union St. for easterly traffic on Ford St.  
Union St. for easterly traffic on Mt. Auburn St.  
Union St. for easterly traffic on Ash St.  
Union St. for easterly traffic on Spruce St.  
Union St. for westerly traffic on Central St.  
Union St. for westerly traffic on Depot St.  
Union St. for westerly traffic on Mt. Auburn St.  
Union St. for westerly traffic on Spring St.  
Union St. for westerly traffic on Walnut St.  
Union St. for westerly traffic on Water St.

Varney St. for westbound traffic on Fall Ct.

Washington St. for northerly traffic on Elm St.  
Washington St. for southerly traffic on Constitutional Way.  
Washington St. for northerly traffic on Green St.

West Green St. for easterly traffic on Fremont St.

West High St. for northerly traffic on Cemetery Rd.  
West High St. for northerly traffic on Maple St.  
West High St. for northerly traffic on Bates Brook Rd.  
West High St. for northerly traffic on Fall Ct.  
West High St. for northerly traffic on Varney St.  
West High St. for southerly traffic on James Ave.  
West High St. for southerly traffic on Maple St.  
West High St. for southerly traffic on Otis Rd.  
West High St. for southerly traffic on Lily Pond Rd.  
West High St. for southerly traffic on Quarry Rd.  
West High St. for southerly traffic on Ron-Wyn Dr.  
West High St. for southerly traffic on Spence St.  
West High St. for southerly traffic on Sunset Dr.

Westman St. for westerly traffic at the northerly terminus of Francoeur Dr.

Willand Drive for northbound traffic on Commercial Drive. (Passed 08/17/2009.)

1. It shall be unlawful to drive any vehicle across the railroad tracks without first bringing such vehicle to a full stop for east and west bound traffic on Centre Rd. (Passed 05/19/1997.)
2. It shall be unlawful to drive any vehicle across the railroad tracks without first bringing such vehicle to a full stop for north and southbound traffic on Rocky Hill Rd. (Passed 11/17/1997)

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It shall be unlawful to enter the following intersections without first having yielded to the right of way to traffic traveling so close as to constitute an immediate hazard:

Green St. for westerly traffic on Clement Rd.

High St. for southerly traffic from Blackwater Rd.

High St. for northerly traffic from Government Way. (Amended 01/05/2009.)

Market St. for northerly traffic on Main St.

Prospect St. for northerly traffic on Beacon St. (Passed 05/07/2001.)

Prospect St. for northerly traffic on Grove St.

#### **D. Right Turn Only**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful to make other than a right turn only for eastbound traffic of Penny Lane, onto High Street. (Passed 08/17/2009.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful to make other than a right turn only, from the extreme right lane of the northbound traffic lane on High Street at its intersection with the entrance to Wal-Mart. (Passed 7/26/1993.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful to make other than a right turn only from the extreme right lane of the southbound lane on High Street at its intersection with Central Parkway. (Passed 11/15/1993.)

#### **Section 3.3 One Way Streets**

Upon being designated and signs posted, the following streets shall be one direction for vehicular traffic:

Central St. for westerly traffic between Main Street and Union Street. (Passed 11/17/2008.)

Chabot St., northerly section, for westerly traffic only between High St. and Middle St.

Chabot St., southerly section, for easterly traffic only between High St. and Middle St.

Edmund St. for northerly traffic between Drew Rd. and Blackwater Rd.

Ford St., for easterly traffic between Green St. and Union St.

Main St., for northerly traffic only between Station St. and Market St. (Passed 11/10/2014.)

School St., for westerly traffic between Union St. and Green St.

Spring St., for westerly traffic between Main St. and Union St.

Station St., for easterly traffic between High St. and Main St. (Amended 02/20/2007.)

Summer St., for easterly traffic between Main St. and Union St.

Wiggins Ct. for westerly traffic to end of retaining wall. (Passed 01/14/2002.)

Handle Rd., for southerly traffic between Commercial Dr. and High St. (Passed 09/04/2007.)

#### **Section 3.4 Motor Vehicle Operation**

##### **A. General**

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No vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction, commonly known as a U Turn, or drive any part of such vehicle to the left of or across an unbroken painted line marked on the way in such a driver's lane by order of or with the approval of the Director of Public Works except:

1. To permit entrance or exit to side roads or property adjacent to the highway.

(Amended 05/20/2002.)

#### **B. Speeds**

School Speed Limit – when signs are erected and flashing with speed limit displayed, it shall be the absolute maximum speed permitted. The flashing lights will activate 45 minutes before the start of school and for 45 minutes after the end of school. During these times the speed limit shall be 10 mph less than the usual posted speed limit. (Amended 05/16/2011.)

When signs are posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle on Memorial Dr. between High St. and Cemetery Rd., including the Somersworth High School parking lot, at a speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour.

When signs are posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle on Tri-City Rd. at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

When signs are posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle on the Gonic Rd., also known as the Whitehouse Rd., from Route 16 to the Rochester Line, at a speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour.

When signs are posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle on designated roadways in Forest Glade Park at a speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour.

When signs are posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle on Main Street between Franklin Street and Market Street at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour. (Effective 11/15/2014.)

When signs are posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle on High Street between West High Street and the Berwick Bridge at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour. (Effective 11/15/2014.)

When signs are posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle on Rocky Hill Road at a speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour. (Effective 10/06/2014.)

#### **C. Noise**

No person shall operate any vehicle on any street so as to make loud, unusual or other unnecessary noise as defined in this chapter.

No person shall operate any vehicle in the compact portion of the City of Somersworth so as to make any loud, unusual or other unnecessary noise as defined in this chapter.

#### **D. Commercial Vehicle Travel Restricted**

Except where authorized by the City Council, Mayor or Chief of Police, the following streets shall be restricted to pleasure vehicles and commercial vehicles making delivery or pickup:

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Middle, Ruel, East, Chabot, Genest, Cecile, Kilda, Crest Dr., Drew and Edmund Rds.

For this section a commercial vehicle shall be any motorized vehicle with a gross weight exceeding 10,001 lbs. (USDOT definition of commercial motor vehicle).

(Passed 10/01/2001.) (Amended 01/14/2002.)

#### **E. Right on Red**

Right hand turns on red light will be prohibited as posted at the following intersection:

Hamilton St. at High St.

High St. (north bound) at Indigo Hill Road Intersection. (Added 09/22/2014.)

Washington St. at High St.

Southbound traffic on High St. at the intersection of West High and Washington Streets.

(Amended 06/03/2013 by deleting two streets.)

#### **F. Right Turn Prohibited**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for anyone operating a truck (see RSA 259:59 and 259:41 truck definition) to turn right into the General Electric entrance from the northbound lane of Main Street.

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for anyone operating a truck (see RSA 259:59, 259:41 and 259:109) to turn right onto Station Street from the northbound lane of High Street.

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for anyone operating a truck (see RSA 259:59, 259:41 and 259:109) to turn right onto High Street from the eastbound lane of West High Street.

(RSA 259:59 Motor Truck – “Motor truck” shall mean any truck of greater than 26,000 pounds manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight rating, or any motor vehicle equipped with other than pneumatic tires. The Commissioner of Safety may adopt rules under RSA 541-A to alter this weight limit to conform with federal statutes or regulations, provided that the limit does not exceed 26,000 pounds.)

(RSA 259:41 Heavy Truck – “Heavy truck” shall mean any motor truck having more than two axles.)

(RSA 259:109 Tractor-trailer. – “Tractor-trailer” shall mean any truck-tractor and semi-trailer)

(Passed 06/20/2011.)

(Amended 04/17/2017.)

#### **G. Left Turns**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to make a left turn from Government Way onto High St. (Amended 11/21/2005.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to make a left turn from The Somersworth Rail Station, 400 High Street onto High Street. (Added 01/11/2016.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for anyone operating a Tractor-Trailer (See RSA 259:109) to turn left onto Station Street from Government Way.

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**(RSA 259:109 Tractor-trailer.** – “Tractor-trailer” shall mean any truck-tractor and semi-trailer. (Added 06/03/2019)

#### **H. Other**

1. Obstruction of Roadway (Double Parking). Upon any street within a business or resident district no person shall stop, park or leave a standing vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or main traveled part of the highway when it is practicable to stop, park, or so leave such vehicle off such part of said highway, but in every event an unobstructed width of the highway opposite a standing vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles in both directions at the same time. This section shall not apply to the driver of any vehicle which is disabled while on the paved or main traveled portion of a highway in such manner and to such extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving such disabled vehicle in such position. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate this sub-section shall be fined no less than \$10.00 or more than \$15.00 for the first offense and \$25.00 for each subsequent offense.
2. Commercial Vehicles Standing. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or permit to leave standing any commercial vehicle of more than three-quarter (3/4) ton capacity in residential district after being requested by police to remove such vehicle for more than two hours unless such vehicle is being used for purposes of loading or unloading. (Amended 01/14/2002.)

#### **Section 3.5 Bicycles**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any resident of Somersworth to operate or cause to be operated a bicycle on any way within the limit of the City of Somersworth unless the same is motor driven or has been licensed in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.
- B. Every device propelled by human power upon which any person or persons may ride having two (2) tandem wheels either of which is over twenty (20) inches in diameter shall be deemed a bicycle and may be operated in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.
- C. No bicycle shall be registered unless it shall have a permanently cut impressed or embossed on some portion there of a factory serial or identification number or mark.

Any person who shall knowingly have in his possession any bicycle from which such number or mark shall have been removed, defaced, obliterated or changed, shall for with file with the Police Dept. a sworn statement describing such bicycle showing the source of his title and if known the reason of such removal, defacement, obliteration or change.

If satisfied as to the facts, the Police Dept. may grant permission to cut, impress or emboss permanently on the bicycle a special identification number or mark which shall thereafter be deemed sufficient for the purpose of registration of such bicycle.



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D. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police or his agents to receive and act on all applications received and to issue same when the provisions of this ordinance have been adhered to by the Police Dept. and found to be in good, safe, mechanical condition, but the Chief of Police or his agents shall not issue a license for any bicycle when he or they know, or have reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant is not the owner of, or entitled to possession of such bicycle, or when the police inspection reveals the bicycle to be in unsafe mechanical condition.

Upon the issuance of a license, the Chief of Police or his agents shall issue a license plate to the applicant, bearing the license number assigned to the bicycle, the name of the City, and the calendar year issued, and cause such license plate to be firmly attached to the frame of the bicycle for which it is issued and in such position also as to be plainly visible. The Chief of Police or his agents shall also keep a record of the license number assigned by them to each bicycle, the date issued, the name of the person to whom issued, and the number of frame of the bicycle for which issued, also a record of all such fees collected.

The Chief of Police shall have authority to purchase from the fees collected all license forms, license plates, or any other materials or equipment necessary to properly administer the provisions of this ordinance. All fees remaining unexpended shall annually be deposited with the City Treasurer.

E. No bicycle shall be registered unless it is equipped with a luminous dial or light on the rear end.

F. The police Department is hereby designated as the place where all applications for registration are to be made.

G. The Police Department shall designate and provide identification tags for the use of the licenses and will direct the manner of placing such tags on the bicycle by the licensee. The Police Department shall keep a record of the name of the licensee, the number of the tag and a description of the bicycle so registered. Said license shall be transferred whenever the ownership of the said bicycle is transferred, but no fee shall be charged for this transfer.

H. Any person or persons, firm or corporation requiring such a license shall submit their application in writing to the Police Department. Each application shall be made on an approved form to be provided by the Police Department and containing such information as the Police Department may deem necessary for the proper enforcement of this ordinance. The fee for each license issued shall be fifty cents (\$.50) and shall expire March 31<sup>st</sup> annually. Licenses shall be renewed before April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

I. It shall be unlawful for any person to attach or permit to be attached to a bicycle, any registration tag assigned and issued by the Police Department to another bicycle.

J. Any person or persons operating a bicycle on any public highway shall operate the same in accordance with official traffic regulations and shall obey all traffic signals, signs, and other control devices used in regulating and directing traffic. Bicycles shall not be operated at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing and shall be operated

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as near to the right hand side of the highway as shall be practicable. Bicycles emerging from an alley, driveway, or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk, or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway or driveway, yield the right of way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the highway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said highway.

K. No person or persons operating a bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any moving vehicle nor shall any bicycle be operated upon any sidewalk within the limits of the City of Somersworth, nor shall any bicycle be parked upon a highway other than against the curb or upon a sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle, or against a building and in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

L. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, deface, change or cause to be removed, obliterated, defaced, or changed, any factory serial number or mark on or from any bicycle.

M. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle on any way within the limits of the City of Somersworth during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless said operator shall display on his bicycle a lighted lamp on the front of said bicycle and a tail light so-called or reflector on the rear.

N. It shall be unlawful for more than one person to ride on a bicycle, unless it be a tandem bicycle equipped with two sets of handle bars, two sprockets and two seats.

#### **Section 4 Dogs**

A. Definitions. As used in this section.

1. **Dog** shall be intended to mean male or female.
2. **Owner** shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.
3. **Enforcement Officer** shall mean any regular police officer, special officer, animal control officer or any other person so designated by the Chief of Police.

B. License Required. It shall be the responsibility of the Police Department to see that all regulations relating to the licensing of dogs are rigidly enforced and to promptly dispose of all dogs found at large in violation of such laws.

C. Licenses and Fees. Every owner or keeper of a dog 4 months old and over shall annually on or before April 30 license the dog in the office of the City Clerk as specified under NH RSA 466:1. The licensee fees set forth in NH RSA 466:4 are hereby increased by the sum of one dollar (\$1) as permitted by NH RSA 466:39. This increase will take effect beginning with issuance of the 1996 Dog Licenses. (Passed 01/22/1996.) (Amended 09/07/1999.)

D. Late Fees. In addition to the license fees provided in Section C, Licenses and Fees, there shall be a charge of (\$1) for each month or any part thereof that the fees remain unpaid if said fees are not paid before June 1 in each year. (Passed 01/22/1996.)

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E. Replacement of Lost License Tag. If the pendant giving the registered number of any dog licensed required by law becomes lost or stolen the City Clerk shall issue a new pendant (tag) for such dog, keeping a record of the change or number, and immediately notify the Chief of Police.

F. Penalty for Unlawful Use. Any person convicted of using a registered number unlawfully obtained shall be guilty of a violation.

G. Seizure of Unlicensed Dogs.

1. The Enforcement Officer shall seize any dog not properly licensed as required by Chapter 466 of the NH Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, and transport it to the Cocheco Valley Humane Society or other suitable shelter. The dog shall be kept for a period not to exceed ten (10) days. If after such time the dog remains unclaimed, then the dog may be disposed of at the expense of the City.

2. Any owner of a dog, so seized, may reclaim the dog during the ten (10) day period by furnishing proof of a proper license, payment of a pickup and transportation charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) and reimbursing the City any sum expended for the harboring, treatment or other expenses incurred for the harboring of the dog to be paid to the Police Department.

3. Any unlicensed dog so seized and harbored in the manner prescribed and who remains unclaimed by its owner may be claimed by any person who will license the dog and reimburse the City for all costs incurred by the City, including pickup and transportation charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) which is payable to the Police Department prior to taking the dog.

H. Notice to Owner. Any dog being seized as provided in this ordinance which has a registration number, or if the owner of the dog is known, the Enforcement Officer shall forthwith serve the owner a notice stating that the dog has been seized and will be liable to be destroyed if not claimed in ten (10) days after the service of such notice. Such notice may be served by giving it to the person on whom it is to be served or by leaving it or sending it to the persons usual or last known place of abode, as determined by the registration number or other available information.

I. Place of Confinement. The Chief of Police or designee shall select a suitable place of confinement for impounding animals and those held after biting or suspected of rabies.

J. Running at Large. No owner or keeper of any dog shall permit such dog to run at large whether licensed or unlicensed, except while hunting and under the control of the owner or keeper.

K. Female Dogs in Season (Heat). It shall be unlawful to permit any female dog in season (heat) to run at large during such period, and such dog shall be confined within a building or enclosure in such a manner that she will not be in contact (except for intentional breeding purposes) with another dog.

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L. Restraint of Dogs: Inhumane Treatment. When the owner or keeper of any dog restrains or otherwise confines a dog, either by legal order or otherwise, the restrains or confinement shall be done in a safe and humane manner. The dog shall have the maximum amount of freedom possible and there shall always be food, water and shelter available to him.

No person shall injure, maim, torment, torture, deprive of necessary sustenance or shelter, cruelly beat, mutilate or otherwise treat in an inhumane manner any dog.

M. Interference with Officers. No person shall hinder, interfere with, or molest any person appointed as Enforcement Officer, or any other person (s) so designated in the performance of such duties as stated in this Ordinance.

N. Duties of Enforcement Officer. The duties of the Enforcement Officer shall be those designated by the Chief of Police.

O. Civil Forfeiture Violation: Penalty.

1. Any person who violates any of the provisions of Chapter 466 of the NH Revised Statutes Annotated may pay a civil forfeiture to the City of Somersworth in lieu of going to District Court. The following violations are eligible for civil forfeiture:

Unlicensed Dog	Dog at Large	No Rabies Shot
Nuisance Offense	Menace Offense	Vicious Offense.

2. Any person who pays a civil forfeiture, two in any year, or fails to pay a civil forfeiture, shall be issued a summons to appear in District Court.
3. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day a violation occurs shall constitute a separate violation.

(Section 4 passed 12/2/1991.)

P. Removal of Excrement. It shall be unlawful for the owner or person in control of any dog to allow that dog to appear in any public place or upon the property of any other person, unless said owner or person in control has in his or her possession a mechanical or other device for the removal of excrement; nor shall said owner or person in control fail to expeditiously remove any such excrement deposited by said dog in any such place. This ordinance shall not apply to a blind person while walking his or her guide dog. (Passed 10/17/1994.)

## Section 5 Public Property

### Section 5.1 Discharge of Firearms.

A. It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms on City-owned property, unless a special permit is granted by the Chief of Police. Any person convicted of violating this sub-section of this chapter shall be fined not less than \$20.00.

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B. Wild deer shall not be taken by the use of any firearm, other than shotgun loaded with a single ball or loose buckshot, muzzle-loading rifle or bow and arrow in the City of Somersworth. (Passed 6/3/1991.)

**Section 5.2 Mini-Vehicles**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or permit to be operated any snowmobile, minibike, or go-cart, so-called, upon any public playground, public park or other land owned by the City of Somersworth, unless permission is given by the City Council.

**Section 5.3 Alcoholic Beverages**

A. No person shall consume or possess in an open can, bottle, or other container any alcoholic liquor or beverage, as defined by RSA 175, while upon or in a motor vehicle upon any public way, as defined by RSA 259:1 or while on any public street, sidewalk, park or parking lot within the limits of the City of Somersworth.

B. Exceptions to the above may be granted if the Mayor and the Police Chief agree to sign a permit waiving the above provisions, setting any restrictions they see fit, for organizations, groups, civic promotions, or any other local gathering.

**Section 5.4 Motors on Willand Pond.**

No person shall operate a vehicle or boat which has as its primary or backup source of power an engine fueled by motor fuel, as defined by RSA 259:58, on Willand Pond within the City of Somersworth. The fine for any person violating the provisions of this sub-section shall be no more than \$100.00.

**Section 5.5 Operation of Skateboards and/or Scooters**

A. The operation of skateboards or scooters shall be permitted in the City of Somersworth except on the ways and sidewalks and other public areas specifically defined as follows:

Main Street from Market Street to Washington Street  
Market Street  
High Street from Market Street to Constitutional Way  
Station Street  
John Parsons Drive  
Government Way  
Somersworth Plaza

B. All skateboards or scooters shall be ridden or operated with due care with regard for rules governing pedestrians and pedestrian safety.

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C. Reflective material required. During the hours of darkness, (1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise), any person operating a skateboard or scooter shall be required to have reflective material, which shall be worn or displayed so that it is visible to vehicle headlights.

#### Violations and Penalties.

A. Any person 16 years of age or older found violating this Chapter shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined no more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a first offense and no more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for subsequent offenses.

B. Any person under the age of 16 found in violation of this Chapter may have their skateboard or scooter impounded by the Police Department for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. When a skateboard or scooter is impounded by the Police Department pursuant to this section the owner of said impounded item may, within two (2) days, request a hearing on the impoundment which will be heard by the Chief of Police or his designee. Said hearing will be held within the two days following the request, weekends and holidays excluded. The person holding the hearing may uphold, overturn or modify the term of impoundment. Following the hearing, the Chief of Police or his designee shall render a decision and notify the owner by letter within two (2) days.

(Section 5.5 passed 8/15/2005.)

#### **Section 6 Loitering and Obstruction**

A. No person shall sit, stand or lounge on any public way or sidewalk, in or about any doors, windows or passageways, except the owners or occupants of the premises, after having been requested by the owners or occupants or any police officer to depart therefrom.

B. Three (3) or more persons standing or remaining in a group or near each other on a sidewalk or crosswalk or in any street or public way in such a manner as to obstruct a free passage thereon or therein after request has been made by any person to move.

C. Three (3) or more persons standing or remaining in a group or near each other on a sidewalk or crosswalk or in any street or public way in such a manner as to obstruct or potentially obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic shall move on immediately after a request is made by any police officer; and no person to whom such a request has been made by a police officer shall again become a member of any group of three (3) or more persons standing near each other on a sidewalk or crosswalk or in any street or public way in close proximity in time and place to the initial request to move on and in such a manner as to obstruct or potentially obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

D. Benches.

1. No person shall sit or stand upon the back or stand upon the seat of any municipally owned bench.

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2. No person shall continue to sit or stand or lounge in the area immediately adjacent to any municipally owned bench after having been requested to move on by any police officer, and at no time after such a request is made return and sit or stand or lounge in the area immediately adjacent to any municipally owned bench.

(Section 13.7 deleted 12/21/1989.)

#### **Section 7 School Truancy**

A. Any student that is duly enrolled in a public school in the City of Somersworth shall attend school each day that school is in session, for the full length of the official school day, unless that student has been excused pursuant to the rules or procedures established by the district and distributed in a student handbook.

B. Any student that resides in the City of Somersworth and is enrolled in a public school who has been suspended from attending school for any period of time shall, while serving that out-of-school suspension, remain at home for the full length of the official school day unless they are directly under the supervision of a parent or legal guardian, or are being directly supervised by an adult that has been selected by their parent or guardian to be responsible for the student.

C. Any truant officer or police officer may issue a summons to appear in court pursuant to this section. If the child is between the ages of 12 and 17, the officer shall notify the parent or guardian of the summonsed child and advise the parent or guardian of the summonsed child and advise the parent or guardian of the summons, the court date, and of the requirement that they accompany the child to court.

D. A parent or guardian shall accompany the student at any required court appearance related to a violation of this section, if the student is age 17 or under at the time of the offense.

E. Any student found in violation of paragraph A shall pay a fine not to exceed \$25 for the first offense, \$100 for subsequent offense or perform community service as deemed appropriate by the court.

F. If within 48 hours a student charged under paragraph A can provide satisfactory written verification to the police or truant officer that the absence did not constitute truancy, then no prosecution shall go forward under this ordinance.

(Section 7 passed 6/20/2005.)