

**Town of Bristol Police Department  
An Ordinance For the Regulation of Parking**

We, The Selectboard of the Town of Bristol pursuant to Section 203(A) of the Bristol Town Merger Document), Title 23 VSA 1008(a) and such other state laws as are applicable do hereby make the following **CIVIL** ordinance as to the parking and removal of motor vehicles on and from the highways and streets within the limits of the Town of Bristol.

**ARTICLE I**

**Section I. DEFINITIONS**

**Park or Parking:** The stopping or standing of motor vehicles on a roadway unoccupied or unattended, unless temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers or goods, or while making emergency repairs if disabled, while arrangements are being made to move such vehicles.

**Standing Parking:** The stopping or standing of motor vehicles on a roadway when occupied and/or attended.

**Motor Vehicle:** As defined by Title 23 VSA 4(21).

**Public Highway:** As defined by Title 23VSA 4(13).

**ARTICLE II**

**Section I. STOPPING & PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES AT ALL TIME**

No operator or owner of any motor vehicle shall stand, be stopped or be parked in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a Law Enforcement officer or official traffic sign; 1) within fifteen (15) feet of an intersection; 2) Within five (5) feet from a crosswalk, unless specifically designated for parking; 3) within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant, unless specifically designated for parking; 4) in front of an approved private or public driveway; 5) on any sidewalk; 6) on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the road edge or curb; 7) alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic; 8) in any area marked as a fire zone or lane or area restricted for emergency vehicle access or egress.; 9) within 20 feet of the entrance to any fire station, on any entry/exit ramp used by fire apparatus to/from the station, and on the west side of the Bristol Fire Station at 79 West St where signed for responders for active fire calls and if not a responder.; 10) upon any bridge or elevated structure; 11) In any place where the vehicle is unattended and idling or keys are left in the ignition .

**ARTICLE III**

**Section I. PARKING PROHIBITED**

It shall be unlawful for the operator or owner of any motor vehicle to be parked on the following designated streets:

**Airport Drive**

1. East side from West Street to the Mount Abraham Union High School gate.
2. West Side from West Street for 224 feet to the south side of the parking area of the maintenance garages.

3. On Mount Abraham Union High School property as signed by the Addison North East Supervisory Union.

#### **Church Street**

1. On the south side of Church Street from the intersection of North Street west for 145.5 feet to the first telephone pole (CTC-VT/1).

#### **Firehouse Drive**

1. On the east and west side of Firehouse Drive from the intersection of West St to 20 feet north of the yield sign located to the east of the exit ramp of the station.

#### **Lincoln Road**

1. On the east and west sides of Lincoln Road from the intersection of North 116 Road & Rockydale Road to the Bristol / Lincoln Town line unless all vehicles wheels are off the paved portion of the public highway.
2. No part of any vehicle or item attached thereto will protrude into the roadway which could cause a hazard to motorist.
3. No vehicle shall be parked on town owned property in this area during times that property is closed to the public (dawn to dusk).

#### **Main Street**

1. At any location not designated for parking.

#### **Mountain Street**

1. On the west side of Mountain Street from the south entrance to Bristol Elementary School to the north entrance to the Bristol Elementary School from 8:00 am until 8:15 am and from 2:34 pm until 3:00 pm.
2. On the west side of Mountain Street from the north entrance of the Bristol Elementary School north for 31 feet to the schools northern most property line, when school lot is open to parking.
3. On the east side of Mountain Street between the driveways of 58 Mountain Street north to 66 Mountain Street.

#### **Mountain Terrace**

1. On either side of the street from the intersection of Mountain Street to the reservoir gate for any vehicle which neither belongs to a resident or their guest.

#### **North Street**

1. On the east side of North St. from the intersection of Main Street north for 247.5 feet to and inclusive of the first driveway north of Prince Lane.
2. On the west side of North Street from the intersection of West Street north to the intersection of Park Place.

#### **Park Place**

1. On the north side of Park Place from North Street west for 316 feet to the fourth telephone pole located just east of the Baptist Church (pole #CTC-VT/3).
2. On the south side of Park Place from 9:00 pm to 6:30 am when alternate winter parking is NOT in effect.
3. Parking is **PERMITTED** by permit only on the south side of Park Place from 9:30 pm until 6:30 am when alternate winter parking is in effect.

- a. For purposes of this ordinance the alternate winter parking is in effect when the winter ban parking lights are activated at the intersections of North, Main, West, and South Streets.
- b. No parking will be permitted from 6:30 am to 7:30 am when alternate winter parking is in effect. Cars may be ticketed and/or towed during this time.

**School Street**

1. On the west side of School Street from the intersection of West Street north to the telephone pole just north of St. Ambrose Catholic Church (4/CTC/1A) from 9:00 pm to 6:30 am daily.
2. On the west side of School Street from the telephone pole just north of St. Ambrose Church (4/CTC-1A) north 48 feet to the north end of School Street at the alleyway to Church St.
3. On the east side of School Street from the intersection of West Street to the intersection of Park Place from 9:00 pm – 6:30 am daily.
4. On the north end of School Street where the alleyway to Church Street begins except for the handicapped space at the north end of School Street.

**South Street**

1. On the east and west side of South Street beginning at the West and Main Street intersection and continuing south to the southern end of the bridge on South Street unless lined for parking.
2. Parking will be permitted in the area of Brown McClay Funeral on the east side of South Street from Main Street south to the south side of the driveway located on the south side of Brown McClay Funeral Home during calling hours and funeral services. Parking will be permitted in this area for funeral processions only.

**West Street**

1. On the north side of West Street from the intersection of North Street west to the intersection of School Street from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am daily.
2. On the north side of West Street from the intersection of Maple Street west 286 feet (to the western property line of 46 West Street).
3. On the south side of West Street from the western corner of the Creeme Stand parking lot west to the intersection of Liberty St.
4. On the north and south side of West Street in front of the Bristol Fire Station at 79 West St between the entrance and exit drives to the station and for 200 feet east of Firehouse Drive and west to the intersection of Airport Drive & Stoney Hill Road if any part of the vehicle is on the roadway.

**EXEMPTION:** Parking will be permitted in restricted areas for special functions upon approval of the Select Board following written request.

**Section II. STANDING PARKING PROHIBITED**

It shall be unlawful for the operator or owner of any motor vehicle to stand a vehicle on the following designated streets. Exempt from this ordinance are senior citizens and/or persons authorized to park in handicapped parking. This section shall not apply for Band Concerts, church functions, and special events approved by the Chief of Police, Town Administrator or Select Board:

**Park Place**

1. On the north and south sides of Park Place.

**School Street**

1. On the west and east sides of School Street.

### **West Street**

1. On the north side of West Street from the intersection of North Street to the intersection of School Street.

**Note:** As used herein a distance from the street intersection is from the curb or road edge on the nearest side of such street.

### **Section III. GENERAL PROVISION**

It shall be unlawful to park on the traveled portion of any other public highway or street within the Town of Bristol where the parking of such motor vehicle will interfere with the normal flow of traffic, and where provision is not made in this ordinance for the parking of vehicles. It shall also be unlawful where parking is marked/lined and where vehicles are parked contrary to that marking.

## **ARTICLE IV.**

### **Section I. HANDICAPPED RESERVED PARKING**

It shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to be parked in a space reserved for handicapped parking when such space is marked in accordance with State Law except when:

1. The motor vehicle is equipped with a valid handicapped registration plate(s) from any State or foreign government and the person who the plate(s) is assigned is occupant and is handicapped pursuant to the State of Vermont requirements; or
2. The motor vehicle has any form of valid, handicap permit or placard, properly displayed in accordance with the laws of the issuing State and the person who the placard is assigned is an occupant and is handicapped pursuant to the State of Vermont requirements.

From time to time for special events or occasions the Chief of Police, or his designee, may temporarily designate space(s) or areas for handicapped parking. These locations will be marked by blue signs with a white universal symbol for handicapped parking. These signs will be erected so they are visible to operators.

1. Designated space: If there are lined spaces there will be a blue and white sign, as stated above, clearly visible to the operator at the front of each space.
2. Designated areas: If an area is designated as handicapped parking and there are no clear lined spaces, blue and white signs, as stated above, must be posted and surveyors tape or similar item used linking the signs must be clearly visible; or the area must be somehow separated from general parking and signs posted indicating the entire area is handicapped parking only. In any event handicapped parking signs may not be more than 15 feet apart and it is not required that there be a blue and white sign, as stated above, for each vehicle parked in a designated area.

## **ARTICLE V.**

### **Section I. TWO HOUR PARKING**

It shall be unlawful for the operator or owner of any motor vehicle to be parked for more than two (2) hours on the following designated streets, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm except Sundays or legal holidays:

1. On the south side of West Street from South Street to and inclusive of the parking spaces in front of Howden Hall.
2. On the east side of South Street where parking is permitted.
3. On the west side of South Street from the intersection with West St south to and inclusive of the handicapped parking near the property line of Holley Hall on South St.
4. On the north and south sides of Main Street from the intersection of Mountain, Basin, North and South Streets.

## ARTICLE VI.

### Section I. ALL NIGHT PARKING

1. All night parking will be permitted year round on the north and south sides of Main Street between North Street and Mountain Street, except when alternate winter parking is in effect and the winter parking ban lights, at the intersection of North, Main, South and West Streets are activated.
2. Except for the north and south sides of Main Street between North Street and Mountain Street, it shall be unlawful for the operator or owner of any motor vehicle to be parked anywhere else on any Bristol Town roadway or within two feet of the road edge and or pavement edge and within the rights of way of the Town of Bristol from November 1 until April 15<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 11:00 pm to 6:00 am, except where specifically permitted and appropriately signed.
3. It shall be unlawful for the operator or owner of any motor vehicle to be parked on or within one foot of any Bristol Town sidewalk at any time (day or night) from November 1 through April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## ARTICLE VII.

### Section I. PARKING CLOSE TO CURB

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

## ARTICLE VIII.

### Section I. PARKING IN PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS BLOCKING SIDEWALKS

No operator or owner of a motor vehicle will park in private driveway or other way that intersects with a sidewalk so as to block, partially or in whole, a pedestrian or subject in a wheelchair from using the sidewalk.

## ARTICLE IX.

### Section I. OPERATION IN LOADING ZONE

No operator or owner of a vehicle shall cause or permit a vehicle to be parked in an area designed as a loading zone except, Operators may use this area for the actual process of loading and unloading of merchandise or other goods only.

## **ARTICLE X.**

### **Section I. POLICE AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

Police and other emergency vehicles shall be exempt from provisions of this ordinance when on duty and for the performance of their duty.

## **ARTICLE XI.**

### **Section I. OWNER RESPONSIBILITY**

For the purposes of this ordinance, the primary registered owner of the vehicle in violation, on the date of the violation shall be responsible and held liable for any such violation. Any notice of fine or other civil action as a result of the violation will be sent to the primary registered owner who will be held liable for responding to any such notice and/or paying such fine as may be assessed. This does not prohibit action against an operator of a vehicle violating the ordinance when a person in control of the vehicle is found not to own the vehicle but is found with the vehicle.

In the absence of any registered owner or operator of the vehicle in violation, the person who has been assigned title to same on the date of the violation, shall be deemed, for the purposes of this ordinance, the responsible party.

### **Section II. PENALTIES**

1. A person who violates any provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$1197.00. A separate violation shall occur for each period of parking greater than the parking time allowed in a time-restricted zone.
2. A vehicle, which by virtue of its parked position, is in violation of more than one section of this ordinance may be issued a notice for each violation and the fine shall be the sum total of all the fines for each section.
3. Schedule of fines.
  - a. A fine of \$10.00 (ten dollars) shall be charged for the following violations:
    - Double Parking
    - 15 feet of an intersection
    - Improper Parking
    - Blocking Driveway
    - Snow Ban
    - No Parking or No Standing
    - Overtime Parking
    - Other (as indicated by proper signage)
  - b. A fine of \$15.00 (fifteen dollars) shall be charged for the following violations:
    - On or within five (5) feet of Crosswalks
    - On Sidewalks or Roadways
    - Fire Zone/Lane

- c. A fine of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) shall be charged for the following violations:
  - Blocking or within ten (10) feet of a Fire Hydrant
  - Handicapped zone
4. If the fine is not paid within ten (10) days, a notice of failure to pay the fine shall be issue to the owner of the vehicle. Upon issuance of said notice, the original amount of the fine shall be doubled as a non-payment penalty and shall continue to double for each 10 days the fine remains unpaid, to a maximum fine of \$1197.00
5. A vehicle, or owner, having two or more unpaid parking violation will be subject to enforcement by impounding of the vehicle, or a vehicle operated by the owner, by towing or immobilization for any subsequent violation, upon prior notice. The vehicle may be seized under these circumstances if the vehicle is parked legally or not within the Town of Bristol.

## **ARTICLE XII.**

### **Section I. REMOVAL/TOWING/RELEASE OF VEHICLES**

The police of the Town of Bristol, or any authorized VT certified Law Enforcement Officer, may cause any motor vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance, or parked on privately owned land without authorization, including by illustration and not limitation, private parking lots, drives and ways, to be removed at the expense of the owner of the vehicle. The owner of the motor vehicle shall pay all costs associated with towing including storage charges before the vehicle will be released. The Town shall have a lien upon the motor vehicle so removed until such towing and storage charges are paid in full which lien shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed by the ordinance.

The Chief of Police may allow an approved towing company to receive payment for all parking fines and fees at the time the tow fee is paid and request the tow company return said fine and fees to the Town of Bristol. If the towing company will not accept parking fines and fees, all parking fines and fees, excluding towing and storage, must be paid to the Town of Bristol in full prior to release of the vehicle.

## **ARTICLE XIII.**

### **Section I. EMERGENCIES SPECIAL EVENTS OR OCCASIONS**

In an emergency or for a special event or occasion, the Chief of Police or designee, or the Town Administrator, may impose a parking ban on a designated street(s) or may waive the prohibition of parking on a designated street, for a period not to exceed one week.

The Select Board may prohibit parking and/or may waive the prohibition of parking on a designated street for a period not to exceed three months. If after three (3) months the parking prohibition or waiver is still needed the Select Board can extend the prohibition or waiver for an additional three (3) months.

## **ARTICLE XIV.**

### **Section I. REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCE**

All special regulation as to the parking of motor vehicles in the Town of Bristol adopted prior to the date of this ordinance by the Select Board of the Town of Bristol and/or the Trustees of the former Village of Bristol together with all subsequent amendments thereto, are repealed as to the effective date of this ordinance.

However, any violation which occurred prior to the effective date of this ordinance may be prosecuted under the provisions of those ordinance(s), or any amendments thereto, as though such earlier ordinance and amendments thereto had not been repealed.

**ARTICLE XV**

**Section I. ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE**

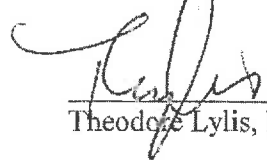
This ordinance can be enforced by any law enforcement officer certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council or any Town Official, appointed by the Bristol Select Board for the purpose of parking enforcement.

This ordinance shall become effective as provided in Section 203(A) of the Bristol Town Merger Document and such other state laws as are applicable on 5/20/17.

Effective (60 days): 5/20/17  
Select Board, Town of Bristol

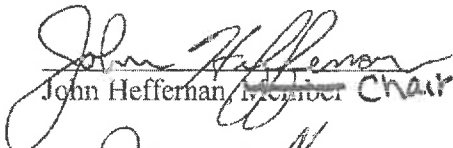
  
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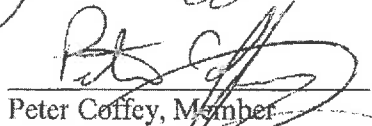
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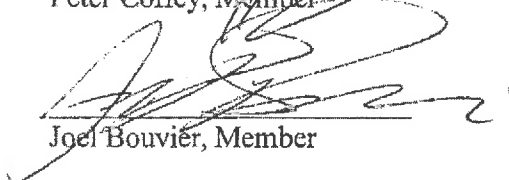
  
Theodore Lylis, Member

Attest:

  
Bristol Town Clerk/ Jennifer Myers

  
John Heffernan, ~~Member~~ Chair

  
Peter Coffey, Member

  
Joel Bouvier, Member