

## ***Town of Sugar Hill Parking Regulations Ordinance***

In accordance with the authority conferred upon selectmen of towns by RSA 41:11 and RSA 47:17, paragraphs VII and VIII; relative to traffic regulations, the following regulations are hereby drafted and adopted.

### **PREAMBLE:**

1. This Ordinance shall be captioned "Parking Regulations Ordinance" and shall take effect on its adoption by the Board of Selectmen
2. In addition to any other remedy established by law, the Selectmen shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance by any proceeding commenced in the Grafton County Superior Court or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit - District Court - Littleton, and shall be entitled to recover from any violator hereof all their costs, including attorney's fees, in connection with such enforcement, to the extent allowed by said Court.
3. If any word, term, phrase, sentence or clause of this ordinance is found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or any other agency, such finding shall not affect the validity of any other word, term, phrase, sentence, or clause of this ordinance.

### **SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS**

- i. **Vehicle** - Every mechanical device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a way, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.
- ii. **Way** - The entire width between the boundary lines of any public highway, street, avenue, road, alley, park or parkway or any private way laid out under authority of statute or any such way provided and maintained by a public institution to which state funds are appropriated for public use, or any such way which has been for public travel thereon, other than to and from a toll bridge or ferry, for twenty (20) years, or any public or private parking lot which is maintained primarily for the benefit of paying customers.
- iii. **Crosswalk** - The part of a highway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalk on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs, or in the absence of curbs from the edges of the traversable highway any portion of a highway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.
- iv. **Sidewalk** - All sidewalks laid out as such by a city, town, or village district, or reserved by custom for the use of pedestrians that are within the compact part of a city village or district. It shall not include crosswalks, nor footpaths outside the compact part

of town that are worn only by travel and not improved by the town or abutters, nor any paths or walks that are built for the exclusive use of bicyclists.

**V. Traffic** - Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, and other conveyances either singly or together while using any street for purposes of travel.

**VI. Compact Area** - For the purpose of these regulations, the Compact Areas of the Town of Sugar Hill shall include the ways and sidewalks of Main Street/Route 117 as well as Sunset Hill Road

### **VII. Traffic Movements**

- A. **Stop** - When prohibited, any stopping of a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with direction of a police officer or traffic control sign or signal.
- B. **Standing**- Any stopped vehicle, whether occupied or not.
- C. **Park**- The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than temporarily for the purpose of or while actually engaged in loading or unloading.

**VIII. Intersection** - The area bounded by the prolongation of the lateral curb lines or the lateral boundary lines of 2 or more ways.

### **IX. Traffic Control Device**

- A. All signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with these regulations erected pursuant to competent authority for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.
- B. Traffic signals, mechanically or electronically operated, by which traffic directed to stop or proceed. These are erected pursuant to competent authority.

**X. Police Officer** - Every officer of the Town or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

## **SECTION 2: PARKING REGULATIONS**

I. It shall be unlawful to block or impede traffic on any ways, intersections, or driveways in the Town of Sugar Hill. Violation shall result in a fine of \$50.00.

II. It shall be unlawful to park in any area designated as a Fire Lane, public or private, said designation shall be clearly marked. Violation shall result in a fine of \$35.00.

III. It shall be unlawful to park in any area designated as RESTRICTED or NO PARKING ZONE. Violation shall result in a fine of \$50.00.

IV. It shall be unlawful to park on the wrong side of the street so as to have the left wheels of a vehicle to the curb. Violation shall result in a fine of \$35.00.

V. It shall be unlawful to park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. Violation shall result in a fine of \$45.00.

VI. It shall be unlawful to park on any sidewalk or crosswalk. Violation shall result in a fine of \$35.00.

VII. It shall be unlawful to park within 20 feet of the entrance to any fire station and on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of said entrance when properly posted. Violation shall result in a fine of \$50.00.

VIII. It shall be unlawful to park in any place (public or private) which is specifically designated for the use of the handicapped by means of a sign stating that the space is reserved for the physically handicapped or displaying the wheelchair symbol as defined in RSA 265:73a. Violation shall result in a fine of \$300.00.

IX. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to commercial vehicles loading or unloading. The Police Department, however, shall have authority, if they deem it necessary, to permit commercial vehicles a period of twenty (20) minutes in which to load or unload whereby the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply.

X. Any unregistered motor vehicle parked in a Town of Sugar Hill municipal parking lot or Town Property in excess of 24 hours may be considered abandoned. Violation may result in a fine of \$35.00. The vehicle is subject to towing and the last owner of record of said motor vehicle may be subject to fines and penalties as outlined in RSA 262:40-c, Abandoning a Vehicle; Penalty.

XI. **WINTER PARKING BAN** (Vehicles may not be parked in such a manner as to interfere with snow removal) - It shall be unlawful to park on any public highway, street, avenue, road, alley, park or parkway or any private way laid out under authority of statute or any such way provided and maintained by a public institution to which state funds are appropriated for public use in the Town of Sugar Hill from November 1 through April 15. Violation may result in a fine of \$100.00 and vehicles may be towed at owner's expense.

XII. Any person who fails to pay such fines as issued in this section within 10 business days (including Holidays) shall be subject to an additional late fee penalty of \$40.00 per violation. Any person found in violation will be notified by mail of such violation; that person then has 10 calendar days from the date the notification was mailed to pay all such fines.

XIII. Any person still found in violation of this Section after being duly notified, may be subject to a summons to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit - District Court - Littleton and may be fined not more than \$1,000.00 per violation under RSA 31:39.

XIV. Appeals – The Sugar Hill Police Chief has the authority to make a final decision on any appeals for the town of Sugar Hill. Any person who wishes to appeal a parking ticket may do so within 5 business days (including Holidays) from date the ticket was issued. This appeal should be dated, in written form and signed by the person filing the appeal. Please forward to:

Chief of Police  
Sugar Hill Police Department  
P.O. Box 567  
Sugar Hill, NH 03586

### **SECTION 3: ENFORCEMENT**

It shall be the duty of the Police Department of this town to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. Officers of the Police Department are hereby authorized to direct all traffic either in person or by means of visual or audible signals in conformance with these regulations, provided that in the event of fire or other emergency, may direct traffic (as conditions may require), notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance. This shall include other police officers from other jurisdictions who have been requested to assist the Police Department by the appropriate authority.

The Chief of Police, at the discretion of the Sugar Hill Select Board, may employ Auxiliary personnel to conduct traffic control to assist with parking for special events. Auxiliary personnel shall be trained in traffic control techniques.

#### **III. Obedience to Police**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a Police Officer. Additionally, it shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal, or direction of a Firefighter, pursuant to NH RSA 154:7, at the scene of a fire.
- B. The Police Department shall have the authority to tow any vehicle that they find in violation of this ordinance at the owner's expense. Vehicles towed for illegal parking shall be stored in a safe place and shall be restored to the owner or operator upon payment of all fees for towing and storage. No custodian or police officer shall be liable for damages to any vehicle while it is in custody under this paragraph, provided due care was exercised.

## V. Parking Regulations

The provisions of these regulations shall apply to the driver of any vehicle owned or used by the United States Government, the State of New Hampshire, or any political subdivision of said state, and it shall be unlawful for Any driver to violate any of the provisions of these regulations, except as Otherwise permitted by law or these regulations.

## VI. Exemptions

- A. **Special Events** – These events must be approved by the Select Board or Chief of Police regardless of the whether the event is being conducted by a Sugar Hill resident or business. If vehicles are parked on any Town roadways, to include both public and private roads, the following conditions must be met even when approval has been granted:
1. Vehicles must be parked so as to allow the safe passage of emergency vehicles, to include any and all Fire apparatus.
  2. All vehicles must be parked on one side of the road or the other.  
**\*\*NOTE\*\*** Section 2, paragraphs I – V, VII, and VIII of this ordinance will continue to be enforced during special events.
- B. **Emergency Vehicles** - The provisions of these regulations, parking and standing of vehicles shall apply to authorized emergency vehicles as defined in these regulations except as follows:
1. Park or stand in violation of this chapter during the course of an official action.
  2. The foregoing exemptions shall not protect the driver of any emergency vehicle from the consequences that result from the reckless disregard for the safety of others.

## IX. Interference with Traffic Control Devices, Signs, or Signals

No person shall, without lawful authority, attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down other than accidentally, remove or possess any of the following items, or any part thereof, which have previously been installed by lawful authority:

- A. any sign related to parking: whether to allow for parking or prohibit parking.
- B. Any official street name sign.
- C. Any inscription, shield or insignia found on any of the above.

## X. Erection of Signs

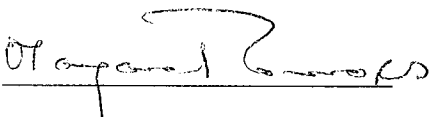
After these regulations have been placed in effect, the Board of Selectmen may authorize the Chief of Police to erect permanent signs in the Town of Sugar Hill for the control of traffic, to include parking and officially designate any such sign or signs by an authorization in writing to the Chief of Police, recorded in the office of the Town Clerk, said authorization containing a description of said sign and the location or position of the same. Sign(s) shall become effective upon said recording. The Board of Selectmen may authorized the Chief of Police to erect temporary signs in the Town of Sugar Hill during any Select Board meeting, said authorization will be posted in the meeting minutes.

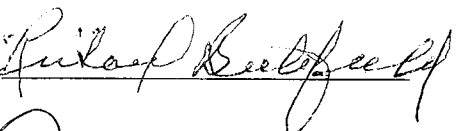
## SECTION 4: PENALTIES

Any person violating provisions of Sections 2 or 3 may be punished by a fine of not more than \$1000.00, in accordance with RSA 651:2 and subsequent amendments thereto.

Enacted: 2<sup>nd</sup> day March, 2015

Amended: 22<sup>nd</sup> day April, 2024

Select Board Member: 

Select Board Member: 

Select Board Member: 

Received and Recorded/Town Clerk: 