STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING ORDINANCE AND FINE SCHEDULE

Section I. Authority.

The Lancaster Board of Selectmen shall designate and mark such individual parking spaces as they deem proper along the streets, parking lots, municipal lots and in the parking zones hereinafter established.

Section II. Presumption of Liability.

For the purposes of enforcing all street traffic rules related to parking, standing and stopping in the town, the fact that an automobile which is illegally parked and is registered in the name of a person shall be considered prima facie proof that such person was in control of the automobile at the time of such parking.

Section III. Notice of violation.

It shall be the duty of the officers of the police department of the town, acting in accordance with the instructions of the police chief, to report the following information in the instance of a parking violation:

(1) The state registration number of violating vehicle.

(2) The make of the motor vehicle.

(3) The date and time of the observation of such parking violation.

(4) The way which the vehicle was parked upon.

(5) The fine amount of the parking violation.

(6) Any other facts, a knowledge of which is necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances attending such a violation.

Each officer shall also attach to such vehicle a notice to the owner or operator of such vehicle that has been parked in violation of this ordinance.

Section IV. Parking Fines.

Violations	Fines
1st offense per calendar year	10.00
2nd offense per calendar year	15.00
3rd offense and each additional offense thereafter, per calendar year	30.00
Double parking	10.00
Parking away from curb	10.00
Parking in front of hydrant	20.00
Parking on wrong side of street	10.00
Improper parking	10.00
Parking in handicapped space	50.00
Parking in other restricted area	10.00
Blocking alley	10.00
Blocking driveway	15.00
Parking Ban – Lancaster PW active snow plowing	50.00
Parking Ban – 1st Offense Nov 1-April 30	15.00
Parking Ban – 2nd Offense Nov 1-April 30	30.00
Parking Ban – 3rd Offense Nov 1-April 30	50.00 (vehicle will be towed from street and not released until fine and towing fee are paid in full)
Parking on a sidewalk	20.00
Parking in towing area	35.00
Police Personnel Only	25.00
Fire Parking Only	20.00
Other Violations	10.00

Section V. Parking enforcement fund.

Funds collected through fines issued for violations of this article shall be credited to town's General Fund

Section VI. Towing vehicles away.

a. The police department, and all members thereof assigned, are hereby authorized to remove and tow away, or have removed and towed away by commercial towing service, any vehicle which is illegally parked in any place where such parked vehicle creates or constitutes a traffic hazard, blocks the use of a fire hydrant, blocks the use of a driveway, alley or entrance of a parking lot, obstructs or may obstruct the movement of any emergency vehicle or obstructs snow plowing or snow removal, or the owner of a motor vehicle is listed on the tow and immobilization list and the vehicle is illegally parked in or on any public way, municipal parking lot, or municipal parking garage, towed and stored, or otherwise immobilized by a mechanical device such as the police department vehicle boot lock device.

b. Motor Vehicles so towed for illegal parking shall be stored in a suitable place as outlined in the Lancaster Police Department Wrecker Agreement with the requested wrecker service. The motor vehicle shall only be returned to the owner or operator of such vehicle upon payment of the appropriate and entire tow fee to the commercial towing service. The Town of Lancaster shall not be responsible for the safety of any such vehicle while it awaits reclamation by its owner.

c. Furthermore, when a vehicle is impounded for matters involving unpaid parking fines, third offense winter parking violations or for towing during snow plowing or removal operations, the vehicle may only be released when the owner responds to the police department or town office and all outstanding fines are paid, or the owner of such vehicle is issued a must appear citation for said parking violations for all of the outstanding tickets to appear in the First Circuit – District Court – Lancaster to answer to said violations.

d. An enhanced penalty of fifty dollars ($50.00) will be assessed for any vehicle parked on a town street between the hours of 11:00PM to 7AM, during the parking ban season (November 1 through April 30), during a snow storm, when the Lancaster Public Works Department is plowing snow regardless if there are any prior instances of winter parking violations during the current annual ban.

e. A vehicle will have been deemed illegally parked in or on any public way, municipal parking lot, or municipal parking garage, when, on that particular date and time, the owner of the vehicle is listed on the tow or immobilization list.

f. Officers of the police department may, at any time, by certified mail or red- tag warning placed on a driver's side window and provide a two (2) days' notice of towing or

immobilization to any person with outstanding parking tickets, unless the immobilization is a result of a third offense winter parking ban as specified in Section XIX. In that instance, immobilization by a police department vehicle boot lock device may be immediate.

g. If the owner does not respond to the police department in person within two (2) days of the date of issued notice to settle their account, any and all vehicles registered to the owner may be towed or immobilized by use of a police department owned vehicle boot lock device. In order to settle an account of outstanding parking tickets, all fines must be paid or transferred to the First Circuit – District Court – Lancaster.

h. The police department and town office shall maintain a list of owners whose vehicles are subject to being towed and held in storage or immobilized pending final resolution of unpaid violations. The list shall contain all motor vehicles belonging to an owner who has received notice as specified in Section VI (g). This list shall be shared with the Lancaster Town Manager and/or their designee.

i. A person shall not remove an immobilization device from a vehicle without authority to do so. Said action could result in criminal prosecution.

Section VII. Double Parking.

At each place where individual parking is so marked, each vehicle shall be parked entirely within a parking space.

Section VIII. Standing or parking parallel to curb; exception.

a. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, headed in the direction of traffic, and with the curb- side wheels of the vehicle within twelve (12) inches of the edge of the roadway, except as provided herein.

b. Upon those streets or parking lots which have been marked or signed for angle parking, vehicles shall be parked at the angle to the curb or space indicated by such mark or signs.

Section IX. Prohibited in specified places.

a. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device,

in any of the following places:

1. On a sidewalk.
2. In front of a public or private driveway or any portion thereof.
3. Within an intersection.
4. Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.
5. On a crosswalk.
6. Within twenty (20) feet of the near corner of the curbs at an intersection.
7. Alongside or opposite any street construction, excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.
8. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street or double park, so called.
9. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway.
10. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping. Any curb painted yellow without any other mark, sign or notice shall indicate a no parking zone.

b. No persons shall move a vehicle not owned by such person into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.

Section X. Near hazardous or congested places.

When signs are erected upon approach to hazardous or congested places no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any such designated place.

Section XI. Prohibited at all times in designated places; exception

a. When signs are erected, or other markings made, such as a solid yellow highway marking on the right side of the giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at any time

upon any of the following streets or parts of streets longer than necessary to load or unload passengers or commodities:

b. Any other location that is otherwise properly marked or signed for prohibited parking within the Town of Lancaster, except as provided herein.

c. Upon those streets or parking lots which have been marked or signed for a prohibition for stopping, standing and parking.

Section XII. Parking spaces reserved for the disabled.

a. All such spaces are to be appropriately signed or designated, and all vehicles using these spaces must bear the proper handicap-license plate, stickers or placard otherwise they shall be in violation of local and state motor vehicle laws.

b. In any parking place, whether on public or private property, specifically designated for a person with a walking disability by means of a sign as required by RSA 265:73-a stating that the space is reserved for a person with a walking disability or displaying the international accessibility symbol, unless that person has special number plates, decals, or a placard issued by another state or county displaying the international accessibility symbol and the person who qualified for the plate, decal, or placard is being transported to or from the parking place.

c. Where time limits are set for parking, an additional hour shall be allowed for vehicles displaying disability plates and/or placards. The disabled parking reservations enumerated above shall not supersede other general parking restrictions of this Chapter such as but not limited to overnight parking restrictions.

d. Any other location that is otherwise properly marked or signed for disabled persons only within the Town of Lancaster.

Section XIII. No parking; plowing and snow removal.

a. General prohibition. It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle on any public street or portion thereof in the town that prohibits or obstructs snow plowing and/or snow removal.

b. Violation. Vehicles parked on the streets which prohibits or obstructs snow operations will be in violation of this section and subject to appropriate penalties as outlined in Section IV.

Section XIV. Overnight parking during winter.

a. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle to park said vehicle on any designated street or municipal parking area in the town between, and including, the first of November of each year and the last day of April of the following year between the hours of 11:00PM to 7:00AM.

b. During the months of October, the Police Chief is authorized to prohibit parking on city streets between the hours of 11:00PM to 7:00AM. when necessary to accomplish snow plowing and/or snow removal, provided the Police Chief provides public notice of parking prohibition through public means and/or social media. When parking is prohibited under this provision it shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle to violate this parking prohibition.

Section XV. Parking for certain purposes prohibited.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any roadway, public row or lot for principal purpose of displaying it for sale or washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

Section XVI. Municipal Parking.

No person shall park any vehicle in the following town municipal parking lots during the winter parking ban, such ban shall be in effect from November 1st to the last day of April the following year.

The following municipal lots that cannot be parked in during the winter parking ban are the municipal lot next to the town offices and the municipal lot next to Park Street.

The following municipal lots are not restricted by the winter parking ban. The municipal lot off Canal Street and the municipal lot off Bunker Hill Street.

Bunker Hill Street and Canal Street municipal parking lots are subject to routine maintenance (including street sweeping and snow removal). Vehicles must be removed during posted times. When necessary for vehicles to be removed outside of posted times, the Police Chief will provide public notice of parking prohibition through public media. Vehicles that are not removed during the required maintenance time are subject to towing at owner's expense.

Section XVII. Police Parking Only.

The area behind the Police Department is designated Police Parking Only and no one except Police Personnel and Police Department employees shall park in this area.

Section XVIII. Penalties.

The penalties for a violation of any section of the ordinance shall be for no less than what is specified in section IV. The maximum penalty for any violation of any section of this article shall be for no more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.)

Section XIX. Repeal.

The provisions of this ordinance shall replace all previous ordinances regulating parking issued by the Town of Lancaster, and any previous parking ordinances are hereby rescinded.

Section XX. Adoption and Effective Date.

The Board of Selectmen adopted this ordinance at a public hearing held on February 17, 2026, and is effective immediately.

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