

## TOWN OF STONINGTON

### PARKING ORDINANCE

Of June 2006

**Amended:**

**October 2, 2006 (re: Atlantic Avenue)**

**AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE:** This ordinance is adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stonington in accordance with 30-A MRSA § 3009. The Selectmen find that unrestricted parking of motor vehicles on town roads is a hindrance and dangerous to the driving public. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the parking on these streets as necessary to insure the safety and safe passage of all on these streets.

**DEFINITIONS:** Words used in this ordinance shall be defined in accordance with 29-A MRSA §101; any undefined word shall have its common, ordinary meaning.

**Main Street:** Parking shall be within marked parking spaces. No person shall park a motor vehicle for more than 24 consecutive hours.

**Pink Street, Memorial Lane:** Parking shall be within marked parking spaces. No person shall park a motor vehicle in these areas for more than 5 consecutive days.

**Stinson Park:** Parking shall be within marked parking spaces. No overnight parking except during a snow emergency.

**Hagen Dock:** Parking shall be within marked parking spaces. No overnight parking. Parking priority is for access to the public landing. No person shall park so as to block access to the landing.

**Atlantic Avenue:** Parking shall be within marked parking spaces. No person shall park so as to block access to the fire station. **No parking on the east side of Atlantic Avenue for a distance of 136 feet south from the entrance to the Union Trust Bank building at 2 Atlantic Avenue. Parking on the east side of Atlantic Avenue between the entrance and exit to the Union Trust Bank building is limited to 1 hour duration. (Amendment #1)**

**Seabreeze Avenue:** The following areas will have no parking for motor vehicles except for emergency vehicles and in the case of the intersection of Seabreeze and Route 15, for vehicles whose occupants are attending a funeral at the funeral home located on the corner of Route 15 and Seabreeze Avenue: Both sides of Seabreeze Avenue from the intersection of Route 15 to a point forty five (45) feet south; On the west side of Seabreeze Avenue, from the intersection of Seabreeze and Bayview to a point three hundred (300) feet north; On the east side of Seabreeze Avenue, from the intersection of Seabreeze and Bayview to a point one hundred (100) feet north.

**Bayview Street:** The following areas will have no parking for motor vehicles except for emergency vehicles: On the north side of Bayview Street, from the intersection of Seabreeze and Bayview to a point fifteen (15) feet east; On the north side of Bayview Street, from the intersection of Granite and Bayview to a point twenty five (25) feet west; On the north side of Bayview Street, from the start of the public way to a point one hundred (100) feet west; On the south (water) side of Bayview Street, from the intersection of Seabreeze and Bayview to the end of the public way.

**Main Street Snow Removal Parking Ban:** From December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, no person shall leave a car parked on Main Street between Atlantic Avenue and School Street between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while the town is removing snow.

**Main Street Truck Unloading Ban:** From June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., no person shall stop, stand or park a commercial vehicle greater than 20 feet in length on Main Street from Atlantic Avenue to School Street except in a designated truck loading zone, and in no case shall the stop for loading or unloading exceed 30 minutes without special permission of the town manager. The words “commercial vehicle” shall be deemed to mean a motor vehicle bearing commercial plates. A truck loading zone 30 feet in length is hereby established on Main Street in front of the Stonington Sanitary District service building.

**Main Street Town Hall Parking:** From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during business days, the parking space in front of the town hall shall be reserved for persons conducting business in the town hall. In no case shall a vehicle be left in the space for more than fifteen minutes.

**Sand Beach:** No parking on either side of the road within 1500 feet of the Sand Beach, except in the designated, marked parking area on the road shoulder at the Sand Beach. No parking in the designated Sand Beach parking area after the posted hours.

**General Prohibitions:** No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places: On a sidewalk; in front of any driveway or land; within an intersection; within 6 feet of a hydrant; on a crosswalk; within 10 feet of the near corner of the curbs at an intersection; or at any place where official signs or curb painting so prohibit. Only vehicles displaying a valid handicapped sign shall be parked in a parking spot marked for handicapped people. All vehicles parked on public roads and town property must be currently registered.

**TOWING:** A motor vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance may be towed by a wrecker authorized by the municipality, at the request of and under the supervision of the official duly authorized and appointed by the Selectmen or Town Manager. Within five days of the tow the municipal official who supervised the tow shall send to the registered owner a notice stating the date and time of the tow, the location where the motor vehicle is impounded, and the requirements for release of the motor vehicle.

**RELEASE OF TOWED VEHICLE:** Any person seeking release of a motor vehicle towed pursuant to this ordinance must first (a) pay all towing charges and storage charges and (b) present satisfactory evidence of his or her right to possession and sign a receipt for the vehicle.

**PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF OPERATION:** No person shall cause, allow or permit a motor vehicle registered in his or her name to park in violation of this ordinance. The fact that a motor vehicle is unlawfully parked shall be prima facie evidence of the unlawful parking of such vehicle by the person in whose name such vehicle is registered.

**ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES:** This ordinance shall be enforced by the town official duly appointed and authorized by the Selectmen or Town Manager and by state, county and local law enforcement officers. A violation of this ordinance is a civil violation punishable by a fine of \$50.00. Any person charged with a violation of this ordinance may waive court action by paying a fee of \$25.00 to the Town Office within 30 days of this violation.

**SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE:** In the event that any provision of this ordinance is declared by a court to be unenforceable, the remaining provisions continue in full force and effect. This ordinance shall become effective when adopted by the Board of Selectmen. Any provisions of any prior ordinance that conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Date Adopted: **June 12, 2006**

Stonington Board of Selectmen signed by all

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**Amendments:**

Amendment #1, to Atlantic Avenue as indicated, is hereby adopted.  
October 2, 2006

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