

Chapter 168

PARKING

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Brookfield 12-2-83.¹ Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 207.

§ 168-1. Notice of violation.

- A. Whenever any vehicle is found parked in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or any ordinance or rule or regulation of the Town of Brookfield which relates to parking, a police officer shall attach to such vehicle a notice to the owner or operator thereof stating that such vehicle has been parked unlawfully and advising such owner or operator of the amount of the fine or penalty.
- B. Said notice shall advise such owner or operator of his right to mail or pay said fine to the Town of Brookfield within five (5) days of the date when such notice is attached to such vehicle, the fine or fines for the designated violation or

¹ Editor's Note: This ordinance also repealed former Ch. 168, Parking, adopted 1-5-85 by Town Meeting of the Town of Brookfield.

violations to be in accordance with the fines or penalties hereinafter set forth.

§ 168-2. Restriction on all-night parking.

No person shall park any vehicle on any public street or highway for a period of time longer than one (1) hour between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This section shall not apply to a professional call nor to the operators of police, fire or other emergency vehicles.

§ 168-3. Parking during storms.

- A. Speedy and official removal of snow from the streets and public highways of the town is hereby declared to be vital to the public health and safety.
- B. No person shall park any motor vehicle or permit it to remain stationary within the limits of any public highway so as to create a nuisance or hazard during the time of falling snow, sleet or freezing rain or to obstruct or interfere with snow removal and/or sanding.
- C. Any motor vehicle left so unattended may be impounded and removed to a suitable pound, to be determined by the traffic authority.
- D. The Chief of Police, or his duly authorized representative, shall cause a record to be kept of all cars so impounded, together with the name of the registered owner thereof, the location from which taken, the name of the authority directing its removal and the location to which taken.
- E. The owner of such vehicle may reclaim such vehicle upon showing proper evidence of ownership and upon paying both the fine therefor and all towing and storage charges.

§ 168-4. Parking restrictions.

- A. No person shall park any motor vehicle or permit it to remain stationary in any place where, or during any period

when, parking is prohibited by the traffic authority as indicated by appropriate signs and/or markings.

- B. No person shall park any motor vehicle or permit it to remain stationary for a longer period of time than permitted by the traffic authority as indicated by appropriate signs and/or markings.
- C. No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon, nor shall any motor vehicle be left parked, standing or stopped on or across, any public sidewalk, except to cross such sidewalk for ingress and egress from adjacent areas or to perform necessary sidewalk construction, maintenance or snow removal.
- D. No person shall park any motor vehicle or permit it to remain stationary within ten (10) feet of any fire hydrant.
- E. Unless in a designated parking space, no person shall park any motor vehicle or permit it to remain stationary within twenty-five (25) feet of a marked crosswalk, an intersection or a stop sign.
- F. No person shall park any motor vehicle or permit it to remain stationary within the limits of any public street or highway in such a manner as to constitute a traffic hazard or to obstruct the free movement of traffic thereon; nor shall any person double park any motor vehicle.
- G. The owner of any motor vehicle which has become disabled so that it is impossible or impractical to remove it under its own power may notify the Police Department of such fact, and, after notification, it may be permitted to remain for a reasonable time for the purpose of making repairs thereto or of obtaining assistance to remove it.

§ 168-5. Violations and penalties.

- A. The penalty for the violation of any provision of this chapter, except illegal parking during a snowstorm, shall be a violation fee of fifty dollars (\$50.), payable to the Town of Brookfield. [Amended 2-5-1996]
- B. The penalty for violation of the prohibition against parking on public streets or highways during a snowstorm shall be a violation fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.), payable to the Town of Brookfield. [Amended 2-5-1996]
- C. Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter and fails to pay all fines, fees and charges resulting from said violation within five (5) days from the date of said violation shall be prosecuted and fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.) or be imprisoned not more than thirty (30) days, or both, and shall be subject to the provisions of Sec. 14-111 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

§ 168-6. Special regulations during emergencies.

The Board of Selectmen or Chief of Police is authorized to suspend permitted parking under parking regulations and to prohibit parking temporarily in any areas where, in his opinion, it is necessary in order to facilitate the removal of snow, the construction of public works improvements or for other good and sufficient purposes, and he shall give notice of such temporary prohibition by causing to be placed thereat suitable signs indicating that parking is prohibited, and also, if practicable, by radio and/or newspaper notices.

§ 168-7. Owner presumed to be responsible.

In any prosecution or proceeding hereunder, there shall be a prima facie presumption that the owner of such vehicle was the person who parked such vehicle at the place where such violation occurred.