

**CIVIL ORDINANCE  
REGARDING PARKING ON TOWN OWNED OR CONTROLLED LAND  
TOWN OF GRANVILLE, VERMONT**

**Section I. Authority.**

This civil ordinance is adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Granville pursuant to the authority granted in 23 V.S.A. § 1008(a); 24 V.S.A. § 2291(4); 4 V.S.A. § 32(c)(11); 24 V.S.A. § 1974a(e); Vermont Rule of Civil Procedure 80.9.

**Section II. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience of the persons in the Town of Granville and for the protection of Town assets, preservation of Town resources, and maintenance of Town property.

**Section III. Definitions.**

“Motor vehicle” means all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than human muscular power.

“Park” or “Parking” means the stopping or standing of a motor vehicle, whether occupied or unoccupied, attended or unattended, other than temporarily for the purpose and while actually engaged in the loading or unloading of persons or property.

**Section IV. No Overnight Parking on Town Property.**

No person owning or controlling a motor vehicle shall park a vehicle on or within any property owned or controlled by the Town of Granville between the hours of 10pm and 7am. This section shall not apply to persons and motor vehicles specifically authorized by the Selectboard to park.

**Section V. Signage.**

Signs conspicuously printed with the words “NO PARKING,” reciting the restricted time period, and stating that motor vehicles may be towed at the expense of the owner, shall be erected and maintained on all Town of Granville property where overnight parking is prohibited by Section IV.

**Section VI. Penalties.**

The penalty for violating this Ordinance shall be:

- (1) \$100 for the first offense; and

- (2) \$150 for subsequent offenses within thirty (30) days of the previous offense.

All penalties for violations of this Ordinance shall be paid to the Town of Granville Treasurer within ten (10) days of the date of the violation.

In addition, any motor vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance may be removed by the order of any properly qualified law enforcement officer in the State of Vermont. The cost of removal and storage of the motor vehicle shall be charged against the owner of the motor vehicle. The motor vehicle shall only be released upon full payment of all removal and storage costs.

### **Section VII. Enforcement and Appeal.**

The Town of Granville Selectboard authorizes the Town Constable to enforce this Ordinance. Furthermore, and in addition to any other remedy available by law, this Ordinance may be enforced by any properly qualified law enforcement officer in the in the State of Vermont.

Within fifteen (15) days of the date of the date listed on the parking ticket, a person receiving the parking ticket may appeal by submitting a written statement of objections to the Town of Granville Selectboard or its designee. The Selectboard or its designee will review the objections and respond in writing within twenty (20) days. The Selectboard or its designee shall have the authority, in its discretion, to uphold the parking ticket, overturn the parking ticket, or reduce the amount of the listed fine.

If, after exhausting this administrative appeals process, the person receiving the parking ticket has not paid the penalty assessed, the Town Attorney, at the direction of the Selectboard, shall institute an action on behalf of the Town against the person receiving the ticket or tickets in the Criminal Division of the Superior Court.

### **Section VIII. Repeal of Prior Ordinances.**

Any other ordinance or regulation in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed. Ordinances or parts thereof in force at the time this ordinance takes effect and inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance.

### **Section IX. Severability.**

The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if a court of competent jurisdiction holds any portion of this ordinance unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section X. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the Town of Granville Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that section shall govern the taking effect of this Ordinance.

Adopted this 20 day of November, 2017.

**Town of Granville Selectboard**

Bruce Hyde Chair

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