

CHAPTER 601
TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH
TRAFFIC ORDINANCE



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Section 1. Definitions

Vehicle

- (a) The word “vehicle” shall mean as defined in the Maine Motor Vehicle Statutes Title 29-A:
- (1) Means a device for conveyance of persons or property on a way. “Vehicle” does not include conveyances propelled or drawn by human power or used exclusively on tracks or snowmobiles as defined in Title 12, Section 13001 or an electric personal assistive mobility device as defined in this section, and; [amended 07/16/14]
 - (2) Any vehicle defined as a “trailer, semi-trailer or tow dolly” according to the Maine Motor Vehicle Statutes Title 29-A. [amended 07/16/14]

Park

- (b) The word “park” shall mean the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading.

Standing

- (c) The word “standing” shall mean any stopping of a vehicle, whether occupied or not.

Street, Way or Road

- (d) The words “street, way or road” shall mean the entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of traffic.

Roadway

- (e) The word “roadway” shall mean that portion of a street, way or road, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic.

Person

- (f) The word “person” shall mean every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

All Night Parking

- (g) The words “all night parking” shall mean the parking of a vehicle between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. of any day except physicians or other persons on bona fide emergency calls. (Amended 06/21/2006)

Truck

- (h) The word “truck” shall mean any motor vehicle used for the conveyance of person and/or property having a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more. [Effective 10/1/86] [Amended 07/16/14].

Public Safety Traffic Flagger

- (i) As defined in Maine Motor Vehicle Statutes, Title 29-A: means a municipal firefighter, a volunteer firefighter or a member of an emergency medical service licensed by the Department of public Safety. [Adopted 07/16/14]

Section 2. Signs Required.

No provision of this ordinance for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that signs are required, such section shall be effective without signs being erected to give notice thereof.

Section 3. Unauthorized Signs, Signals or Markings.

No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any highway any unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic signal or control device or sign or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic control device or any sign or signal, and no person shall place or maintain any commercial advertising. This shall not be deemed to prohibit the erection upon private property adjacent to highways of signs giving useful directional information and of a type that cannot be mistaken for official signs.

Every such prohibited sign, signal, or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the Chief of Police is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.

Section 4. Prohibited Parking. [amended 07/16/14]

No person shall park a vehicle upon a street, way or road for the principal purpose of:

- (a) Displaying it for sale;
- (b) Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except for repairs necessitated by an emergency;
- (c) For the primary purpose of advertising;
- (d) Or for the sale of any personal property, or for the exercise of any business, profession or calling.

Section 5. Parking Prohibited, Specific Locations. [Amended 07/16/14; 04/01/2026]

No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places, nor shall any person move a vehicle not owned by him into any of the said places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer, other authorized person, or traffic control device:

- (a) On a sidewalk;
- (b) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (c) Within 20 feet of an intersection;
- (d) Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant;
- (e) 20 feet of a crosswalk;
- (f) Within 20 feet of the near corner of the curbs at an intersection;
- (g) Within 30 feet upon the approach of any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway;
- (h) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb;
- (i) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station;

- (j) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
- (k) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street or double park, so-called;
- (l) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway;
- (m) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

Section 6. Parking at the Scene of a Fire.

No person shall park within 500 feet of the scene of a fire and within 400 feet of fire-fighting apparatus at the scene of a fire. [Amended 07/16/14]

Section 7. Snow Removal.

No vehicle shall be parked at any time on any street, way or road so as to interfere with or hinder the plowing or removal of snow from any street, way or road. The Chief of Police or her/his designee may cause any vehicle so parked to be removed from the street in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Ordinance. [Amended 07/16/14][Amended 11/01/17]

Section 8. Snow Obstruction.

No person shall lay, throw, or place, or cause to be laid, thrown or placed on any public street, way or road any snow or ice from private property. If, in the removal of snow or ice from private property, it is necessary to place temporarily snow or ice on any public street, way or road such snow or ice shall immediately be removed from the public street, way or road, by and or at the expense of the person that caused it to be placed on the public street, way or road. [Amended 07/16/14]

Section 9. Obstruction in Street.

Any vehicle of any kind or description parked upon a street, way or road at a place, in a manner, or for a length of time prohibited by an ordinance of said Town is hereby declared to be an obstruction in such street, way or road and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic.

Section 10. Frightening Animals.

The driver of any motor vehicle approaching a person riding, driving or leading any animal, shall use reasonable caution in passing said animal(s). If said person so signals, a driver shall bring his/her motor vehicle to a stop and remain stationary as long as it may be necessary to allow said animal(s) to pass. [Amended 11/01/17]

Section 11. Authority to Remove.

- (a) Any vehicle parked or standing in a manner described in Sections 7 and 9 may be removed by, or under the direction of, or at the request of the Chief of Police or any Police Officer of said Town to a garage or storage place. Such police officer may use such force as may be necessary to enter such vehicle and cause the same to be placed in a condition to be moved, and may employ any reputable person, engaged in the business of towing or storing vehicles, for such purpose. Notwithstanding any language herein contained, the removal and storage of a vehicle pursuant to this ordinance, and the payment of the charges specified herein, shall in no way relieve or prevent prosecution for the violation of any provision of the ordinance.

Notice to owner

- (b) The Police Department shall make every effort to notify as promptly as possible the owner of any such vehicle of its removal from the streets, ways or roads by the quickest means. If this is not possible, a written notice that such vehicle has been impounded shall be sent by the Chief of Police or her/his designee to the owner at her/his last known address as shown by the records of the Secretary of Maine within (5) five business days of the vehicle removal thereof.. If the owner is unknown, the Chief of Police shall cause to be published in any newspaper printed in the City of Portland notice of such impounding, giving the registration number, the motor number and the name, type, and year of said vehicle. [Amended 07/16/14][amended 11/01/17]

Release of Vehicle

- (c) Before the owner of such vehicle, or her/his representative, may remove it from the possession of the person towing or storing it, he/she shall: [Amended 11/01/17]
 - (1) Furnish satisfactory evidence of her/his identity and of her/his ownership of said vehicle to the Chief of Police or her/his designee and to the person having possession of the vehicle. [Amended 07/16/14] [Amended 11/01/17]
 - (2) Pay to the person having possession of said vehicle reasonable charges for the towing and storing of said vehicle.
 - (3) Sign a receipt for said vehicle.

Section 12. Required Obedience.

Except when otherwise directed by a police officer, or Public Safety Traffic Flagger, the driver of any vehicle and every pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any traffic-control device, signal, sign or marker installed under the provisions of this ordinance or State Law, and every such person shall obey each and every provision of this ordinance. [Amended 07/16/14]

Section 13. Traffic Control Devices.

(a) Authority to install traffic control devices.

The Council shall place and maintain traffic-control signs, signals, and devices when and as required under the traffic ordinances of this Town to make effective the provisions of said ordinances, and may by order without the necessity of amending this ordinance, place and maintain such additional traffic-control signs, signals and devices as may be deemed necessary to regulate traffic under the traffic ordinances of the Town or under State Law, or to guide or warn traffic. Such additional traffic-control signs, signals and devices shall have the same force and effect as if placed pursuant to amendments to this ordinance.

- (1) Whenever the Council accepts any street or way as a public way, and there are traffic control signs, signals, or devices existing on the street or way at the time of acceptance, and the Council approves the location of such existing traffic control signs, signals or devices as part of the street acceptance, then such traffic control signs, signals or devices shall have the same force and effect as if placed pursuant to an amendment to this Ordinance. [Amended 08/01/90]

(b) Obedience to official traffic-control devices.

The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic-control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the traffic ordinances of this Town, unless otherwise directed by a

police officer or Public Safety Traffic Flagger, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in this ordinance. [Amended 07/16/14]

(c) When traffic devices required for enforcement purposes.

- (1) No provision of this ordinance for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that signs are required, such section shall be effective even though no signs are erected or in place.
- (2) Curb painting shall be yellow only and shall designate restricted areas.

Section 14. Parking on Paved or Improved Surface.

No vehicle shall be parked on the paved or improved surface of any street, way or road when it is practicable to park elsewhere.

Section 15. Parking on Left.

No vehicle shall be parked or stopped on the left of any street, way or road so that it is facing oncoming traffic.

Section 16. Movement of Traffic.

The parking of vehicles and movement of traffic are hereby regulated on the streets or parts of the streets set forth in Section 25, annexed hereto and made a part of this ordinance and, when signs are erected giving notice thereof, the parking of vehicles and movement of traffic shall be regulated as set forth on said Schedule for such streets or parts of streets. [Amended 07/16/14]

Section 17. Prima facie Evidence of Operation.

No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in her/his name to stand or park on any street, way or road, in violation of any provision of this ordinance. The fact that a 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. [Amended 07/16/14] [Amended 11/01/17]

Section 18. True name to be Given.

It shall be unlawful for any person when given a notice by any police officer or other authorized person to appear to answer for an offense against any provision of this ordinance to give other than her/his name and true place of residence or address, upon the request of such police officer or other authorized person. [Amended 11/01/17]

Section 19. Temporary Signs.

The Chief of Police or her/his designee is hereby authorized to place temporary no-parking signs, detour signs, and to route traffic by personal direction of police officers and/or Public Safety Traffic Flagger of the Town of Scarborough in circumstances of emergency or congestion such as, but not limited to fires, funerals, church services, parades, sporting events and also where the traffic generated by private business locations requires such directional and control. [Amended 07/16/14] [Amended 11/01/17]

Section 20. Snow Accumulation.

When the width of a roadway is decreased by reason of snow accumulation, or by any other reason, to less than twelve feet, the Chief of Police is authorized to prescribe temporary traffic and parking regulations and to place such temporary signs as may be necessary to give notice of the regulations.

Section 21. Pedestrians Rights and Duties. [Amended 07/16/14]

(a) Pedestrians to use right half of crosswalks.

Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of crosswalks.

(b) Prohibited crossing.

No pedestrian shall cross a roadway other than in a crosswalk (in the central traffic district or) in any business district.

(c) Obedience of pedestrians to bridge and railroad signals.

- (1) No pedestrian shall enter or remain upon any bridge or approach thereto beyond the bridge signal, gate or barrier after a bridge operation signal indication has been given.
- (2) No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

(d) Pedestrians soliciting rides or business.

- (1) No person shall stand in a roadway or a sidewalk for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment or business from the occupant of any vehicle. [Amended 07/16/2014]
- (2) No person shall stand on or in proximity to a street or highway for the purpose of soliciting the watching or guarding of any vehicle while parked or about to be parked on a street or highway.

Section 22. Penalty.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than Eighty (\$80.00) Dollars for each offense, except for handicapped parking violations which shall be \$120.00 for each offense, to be recovered, on complaint, to the use of the Town of Scarborough or by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days or by both such fine and imprisonment. If payment of a ticket is received at the Scarborough Municipal Building within 30 days after the date of issuance of the ticket, the fine shall be reduced to \$40.00, or \$60.00 for handicapped parking violations. [Amended 06/21/06]

Section 23. Citation on Illegally Parked Vehicles.

Whenever any motor vehicle is found parked in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by ordinance of this Town or by State Law, the officer or other authorized person finding such vehicle may take its registration number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify the registered owner and may conspicuously affix to such vehicle a parking ticket, on a form provided by the Town, for the registered owner to answer to the charge against her/him within 5 days during the hours and at a place specified on the ticket. The penalty on illegally parked vehicles shall be \$80.00 for each offense, except for handicapped parking violations which shall be \$120.00 for each offense. [Amended June 1990][Amended 06/21/06] [Amended 07/16/14] [Amended 11/01/17]

Section 24. Appealing the Issuance of a Parking Ticket.

A registered owner of a motor vehicle that has been issued a parking ticket in violation of this ordinance may request that the issuance of the ticket be rescinded by appealing the issuance of the ticket. An appeal shall be made by delivering to the Scarborough Police Department, within seven business days of the issuance of the ticket, a written appeal on a form to be provided by the Scarborough Police Department. Delivery of the appeal shall be accomplished by hand delivery to the Police Department or by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the Chief of Police and post marked within seven business days of the issuance of the ticket. The Chief of Police or her/his designee shall render a written decision granting or denying the appeal within ten business days of the submission of the appeal.

Written notice of the decision shall be sent by regular mail to the registered owner of the motor vehicle.
(amended 06/21/2006) [Amended 11/01/17]

Section 25. Parking Restrictions.

A. PARKING RESTRICTIONS

I. No Person shall park any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles on any public street or public way, which exceeds 23 feet in length in any areas zoned residential pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance, unless such vehicle is engaged in making a delivery, accepting or discharging passengers, loading or unloading cargo, or providing governmental, utility, emergency or other services to abutting properties. This prohibition does not apply to vehicles engaged in the construction, repair, maintenance of public streets, public ways or publicly owned property.

No person shall park any camper, recreational vehicle, trailer or similar vehicle, whether attached or not attached to another vehicle upon any public street or public way. [Adopted 04/01/2026]

II. NO PARKING AT ANY TIME. [Amended 04/01/2026]

No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with direction of a police officer or authorized person or traffic control device. [Amended 07/16/14]

- (1) No all-night parking upon any street (year round) between the hours of 2 A.M. and 6 A.M.
- (2) Upon the Pleasant Hill Road from U.S. Route One to the Rigby Road.
- (3) Upon the westerly side of the Willowdale Road from U.S. Route One to the end of the Town right-of-way. (Parking permitted on the easterly side).
- (4) Upon the Black Point Road from the Old Neck Road to Kirkwood Road. No parking on the Black Point Road from Ferry Road to the end of the Public Way at Prouts Neck. [Amended 11/16/94]
- (5) Upon the Broadturn Road within 50' of U.S. Route One to end.
- (6) Upon the Pine Point Road (Route #9) within 50' of U.S. Route One.
- (7) Upon U.S. Route One from the South Portland line to the Saco line (both sides).
- (8) No parking on the northerly side of Southgate Road for a distance of not less than 200 feet from the intersection of U.S. Route One. No parking on the southerly side of Southgate Road for a distance of not less than 60 feet from the intersection of U.S. Route One.
- (9) Upon Pillsbury Drive (entire length).
- (10) East Grand Avenue (east side) one parking space in front of 19 East Grand Avenue formerly; Colony Motel, no parking. [Adopted 10/6/76]
- (11) Avenue One Extension (entire length – from King Street to the ocean). [Amended 6/7/89] [Amended 07/16/14]
- (12) Upon Douglas Circle (from Pine Point Road to a point fifty feet beyond the start of the circle) both sides of the road. [Amended 08/01/90]
- (13) On Elmwood Avenue from Greenacres Lane to the Dead End by Sewer Pumping Station. [Amended 08/01/90]
- (14) Eastern Road (on the southerly side only, from Route 207 to the east, entire length. [Amended August 1, 1990]

- (15) Orchard Street (upon the southerly side only) from U.S. Route 1 to Carriage Way. [Amended 08/18/04]
- (16) Upon the southerly side (ocean side) the entire length of Eagles Nest Drive. [Amended 09/07/04]
- (17) No parking along Bayview Avenue from Houghton Street to Pearl Street. (Adopted J01/20/10)
- (18) No parking on north side of Gorham Road from 183 Gorham Road to the intersection of Gorham Road and Spring Street at number 209 and on the south side of Gorham Road from the westerly end of the stockade fence fronting on 200 Gorham Road, easterly for a distance of 50 yards. [amended 12/21/17]
- (19) Within 50 feet of the southwest most corner of the entrance to or within 50 feet of the northeast most corner of the exit to the Scarborough Beach State Park, located at 418 Black Point Road. [adopted 08/15/18]
- (20) Parking shall be allowed on the easterly side of Acorn Lane from September 16th to April 30th.[Adopted 04/01/2026]
- (21) No parking on either side of Bridges Drive (entire length). [Adopted 04/01/2026]

III. HIGGINS BEACH.[Amended 01/19/2011; 02/16/2011; 06/05/2019; 04/01/2026]

No Parking upon any of the public streets or highways within the area known as Higgins Beach. For the purpose of this Ordinance the Higgins Beach area is defined as including the area bounded on the South by the Atlantic Ocean, on the East by the Spurwink River, on the West by the property now or formerly of one Edward Piper and on the North by the Spurwink Road (Route #77).

- a. Exempt from the paragraph above, parking is allowed in the following locations:
 - (i) two handicapped parking spaces on Bayview Avenue across from Ashton Street, with no time limit. [Amended 04/21/1999]
 - (ii) From May 1st to September 15th, 1-hour parking shall be allowed, from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., in designated metered parking spaces, on the ocean side only of Bayview Avenue. From the end of the drop-off zone to Morning Street from September 16th to April 30th, the 1 hour parking shall not be in effect. [Amended 11/04/2015]
 - (iii) A five-minute drop-off zone, year round. on the ocean side of Bayview Avenue only outside the travel lane beginning at Pearl Street and continuing approximately 90 feet north toward Ashton Street.
- b. On all other areas of Bayview Avenue there shall be no parking at any time, except during the off-season [September 16th to April 30th] on the ocean side of Bayview Avenue from Morning Street to Vesper Street. [Amended 02/16/2011]
- c. There shall be no parking on any of the other streets year round unless otherwise noted herein.
- d. No parking upon either side of Spurwink Road (Route #77), from Pleasant Hill Road continuing to the Southerly side of Founders Way. [Amended 04/01/2026]
- e. Vehicles found in the Higgins Beach Parking lot outside of the posted operational hours will be subject to ticketing as established in Section 22 of this Ordinance.

IV. PROUTS NECK (from May 1 to September 15 of each year). [Amended 02/16/2011]

- a. No parking upon any of the public streets or highways within the are known as Prouts Neck area. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the Prouts Neck area is defined as including Black Point Road (both sides) from Kirkwood Road to Winslow Homer Road. [Amended 07/16/14]

V. PINE POINT (from May 1 to September 15 of each year). Revised February 1980 [Amended 09/06/17; 03/06/24].

- (1) Upon certain of the public streets or highways within the Pine Point area known as Oak, Granite, Bliss, Dover, Pine, Beach, Sea Rose Lane, Bay, Ninth, or Eleventh Streets.
- (2) King Street (or Front Street) from Pine Point Road to Avenue Seven - both sides. [Amended 07/21/77]
- (3) Entire length of Riversands Drive - both sides.
- (4) On the Easterly side of Avenue Five from Jones Creek Drive to King Street.
- (5) On both sides of Avenue Five from King Street to the Ocean.
- (6) Driftwood Lane (the entire length - both sides).
- (7) Upon East Grand Avenue Except in accordance with the following: [Amended 09/21/03]
 - a. On the Northerly side of East Grand Avenue in front of number 3 East Grand Avenue at CMP Pole #116 back to Pine Point Road – No Parking. [Amended 09/06/17]
 - b. On the Northerly side of East Grand Avenue each business shall have one designated parking space in front of the business for the business - 20-minute business parking.
 - c. From CMP Pole #116 at 3 East Grand Avenue to the Old Orchard Line “Unlimited Parking Within Designated Spaces Only”. [Amended 09/06/17; 03/06/24]
- (8) Tasker Avenue - Both sides from Jones Creek Drive to King Street.
- (9) Upon both sides of Avenue One, Avenue Two, Avenue Three, Avenue Four and Avenue Six, from Jones Creek Drive to King Street. [Amended 07/16/14]
- (10) On the Northerly side of Jones Creek Drive from the Pine Point Road to the intersection of Avenue Four. [Amended 05/05/82]
- (11) On the Northerly side of Jones Creek Drive from the intersection of Avenue Four to the intersection of Avenue Six - 20 minutes business parking. [Amended 05/05/82]

V-1. PINE POINT (from May 1 to September 15 of each year).

- (1) On Pine Point Road (formerly Depot Street) from East Grand Avenue to the Ocean.
- (2) On Pine Point Road, both sides, within twenty (20) feet of either side of the driveway opening of the Audubon Nature Center.
- (3) No parking shall be allowed on Pine Point Road from east Grand Avenue to Snow Canning Road, except for within the delineated on-street parking spaces on the southwesterly side of the road. [adopted 03-01-17]

V-2. PINE POINT - CO-OP (Time Limit) [adopted 1/06/99][amended 06/05/19][amended 05/19/2021]

- (1) Pine Point Co-Op (Time Limit - Adopted 11/06/99): The thirteen (13) parking spaces, three (3) of which shall be designated as handicapped parking, located along the front northeasterly corner of the site plan designated Scarborough Town Landing shall be limited to a total time limit of 30 minutes parking year round. An additional four (4) handicapped parking spaces with no time limit shall be located in the next row back.
- (2) Fifteen (15) double parking spaces in the second row to the right of the entry road facing toward the pier, shall be designated as “Commercial Fisherman – including trailers” with red painted lines and additional signage to read “Parking by Commercial Permit Only.” April 15th to September 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Violators subject to ticketing.” Vehicles required to display a Town of Scarborough Commercial Sticker.

- (3) The unpaved (aka gravel) parking lot to the left of the entry road facing toward Jones Creek shall be maintained for “Parking – Commercial Fisherman Only. April 15th to September 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Violators subject to ticketing” and designated with signage. Vehicles required to display a Town of Scarborough Commercial Sticker.

VI. TWO ROD ROAD (from May 1 to October 30 of each year).

- (1) No parking at any time on the Two Rod Road from Holmes Road southerly a direction of 1500 feet.

VII. LOADING AND UNLOADING ZONES.

- (1) 63 King Street - 20 minute business zone.
- (2) 27 East Grand Avenue - 20 minutes business zone.
- (3) 49 East Grand Avenue - 20 minutes business zone.
- (4) Ferry Beach Public Landing - Boat Landing Ramp - 20 minute limit.

VII. From 11:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. (Revised May 1982) (Amended June 1990) (Amended June 5, 2002)

- (1) Ferry Road and Ferry Beach Public Landing.
- (2) Hurd Memorial Park.
- (3) Bi-Centennial Parking Lot.
- (4) Pine Point Public Landing.

IX. Deleted by Council Action on 5/5/82.

X. Amended 6/7/89 see Section 30, A - I.

XI. HANDICAPPED PARKING [Enacted 02/02/83][Amended 06/17/92]

It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to park in a parking space(s) designated as handicapped parking space without first displaying a special registration plate or placard issued under Title 29, Section 252, M.R.S.A. or a similar plate issued by another state. There shall be adjacent to and visible from each handicapped parking space(s) a posted sign containing the wording “*Handicapped Parking*” and denoting the International Handicap Symbol of Accessibility depicted in white on a blue background.

XII. ORCHARD STREET.

No parking shall be allowed on Orchard Street, except for three (3) parking spaces located along the southerly side of Orchard Street [Church side of Street].

XIII. SCARBOROUGH DOWNS. [Adopted 04/01/2026]

No withstanding the general prohibition on overnight parking, such as parking bans, on-street parking between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. is permitted on Scarborough Downs Road, Frontrunner Road, Pacer Way and Hackamore Avenue within designated on-street parking spaces.

B. LOCATIONS WHERE U-TURNS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

- I. On U.S. Route #1 from the South Portland Line to the Saco Line.

C. ONE WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS.

I. Authority to sign one way streets.

Whenever any ordinance of this Town designates any one-way street the Town Council shall place and maintain signs giving notice thereof, and such regulation shall not be effective unless such signs are in place. Signs indicating the direction of lawful movement shall be placed at every intersection where movement of traffic in the opposite direction is prohibited.

II. One-Way Streets.

Upon the following streets vehicular traffic shall move only in the following specified directions:

- (1) Ocean Avenue shall be one-way from Greenwood Avenue southeasterly to Bayview Avenue.
- (2) Pearl Street shall be one-way from Bayview Avenue northwesterly to Greenwood Avenue.
- (3) Ashton Street shall be one-way from Bayview Avenue northwesterly to Greenwood Avenue and add a stop sign at Bayview Avenue and Ashton Street. [Amended 12/06/00]
- (4) Morning Street shall be one-way from Bayview Avenue northwesterly to Greenwood Avenue.
- (5) Houghton Street shall be one-way from Bayview Avenue northwesterly to Greenwood Avenue. [Amended 12/06/00]
- (6) Bayview Avenue shall be one-way from Ocean Avenue southwesterly to Houghton Street. [Amended 12/06/00]
- (7) Bayview Avenue shall be one-way from Ocean Avenue northeasterly to Morning Street. [Amended 12/06/00]
- (8) Berry Road shall be one-way from 1,525 feet easterly of Beech Ridge Road to the round-about on Berry Road, 150 feet westerly of Barley lane. [Adopted 03-01-2023]

D. SPEED LIMITS. [Amended 03/06/24]

- I. Maine State Law (29-A §2073 §-1 and §2075 §-3) authorizes the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT), with the approval of the Chief of the State Police, as the only legal entity to create or change a speed limit on a public way which includes, state and state aid highways and town ways. Speed limits for roadways within the Town of Scarborough can be found at: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/mapviewer/> and by contacting Maine DOT Region 1 office.
- II. Per MRSA 20-A §2074, except when conditions or other regulations require a lower speed, the following are maximum rates of speed:
 - 15 m.p.h. in a school zone at specific times of the day.
 - 25 m.p.h. in a business or residential area or built up portion, unless otherwise posted.
 - 45 m.p.h. on all other public ways, unless otherwise posted.

E. LOCATIONS WHERE VEHICLES ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A FULL AND COMPLETE STOP. [Updated 10/85] [Amended 8/90; 02/05/2003 – EFFECTIVE DATE 05/01/2003][Amended 09/03/2003; 09/15/2004][Updated 04/01/2026]

The Town Council shall establish by order a schedule of locations at which vehicles are required to make a full and complete stop, which will be designated as Traffic Schedule No. 1. The installation of official stop signs or other traffic control devices will identify such locations. [Traffic Schedule No. 1](#) shall be maintained and made available, and be amended from time to time by Town Council Order.

F. LOCATIONS FOR “NO THROUGH TRUCKS (OVER 10 TON)” SIGNS. [Amended 04/01/2026]

Schedule of No Through Truck Locations. The Town Council shall establish by order a schedule of locations where “No Through Trucks” restrictions apply, which shall be designated as Traffic Schedule No. 2. Such locations shall be identified by the installation of official “No Through Trucks” signs or traffic control devices. Weights of vehicles will be determined by registered weight of the vehicle. [Traffic Schedule No. 2](#) shall be maintained and made available and may be amended from time to time by Town Council Order.

G. LOCATIONS FOR “YIELD” SIGNS [Adopted 04/01/2026]

Schedule of Yield-Controlled Locations. The Town Council shall establish by Order a schedule of locations where vehicles are required to yield the right-of-way, which shall be designated as Traffic Schedule No. 3. Such locations shall be identified by the installation of official “Yield” signs or other traffic control devices. [Traffic Schedule No. 3](#) shall be maintained and may be amended from time to time by Town Council Order.

H. LOCATIONS FOR “EMERGENCY STOPPING ONLY” SIGNS [Adopted 01/20/2010]
[Amended 04/01/2026]

Emergency Stopping Only Location. The Town Council shall establish by Order, a location where stopping is permitted only in the event of an emergency, which shall be designated as Traffic Schedule 4. Such locations shall be identified by the installation of an official “Emergency Stopping Only” sign or other traffic control devices. [Traffic Schedule No. 4](#) shall be maintained and may be amended from time to time by Town Council Order

I. LOCATIONS FOR “NO PARKING/STOPPING/IDLING” SIGNS [Adopted 04/02/2012]
[Amended 04/01/2026]

Schedule of No Parking/Stopping/Idling Locations. The Town Council shall establish by Order, a schedule of locations location where no parking stopping or idling prohibited, which shall be designated as [Traffic Schedule 5](#) shall be maintained and may be amended from time to time by Town Council Order

J. POLICE ESCORT OF OVER LIMIT HIGHWAY PERMIT - MOVES [Adopted 12/01/93]

Any person, firm or corporation who moves or causes the movement of any over-limit load which requires a permit for movement of such load from the Maine Department of Transportation and said permit stipulates that a police escort is required before such move may be made upon any of the streets or highways with the Town of Scarborough, shall arrange for said escort through the Scarborough Police Department. A fee for a police escort shall be charged by the Police Department in accordance with the hourly rate established by the Scarborough Town Council for “*Special Police Services.*” An additional fee shall be charged for the assignment of any police cruiser(s) assigned to said escort also at a rate established by the Scarborough Town Council. Fees collected must be used to defray the costs of providing services.

K. STICKERED PARKING [12/01/93][Amended 07/16/14]

Parking on the following locations shall be permitted by stickers for residents and non-resident taxpayers:

- (1) Bi-Centennial Park
- (2) Ferry Beach
- (3) Higgins Beach Parking Lot
- (4) Hurd Memorial Park

L. PARKING BANS DURING EMERGENCIES [Adopted 01/20/2010]

The purpose of this subsection is to communicate the intent of the Town of Scarborough, as it relates to the banning of vehicles parked on the streets of Scarborough during emergencies.

In order to properly remove snow and to provide safer travel conditions, the Town of Scarborough does implement parking bans. After consultation with the Director of Public Works, the Chief of Police shall decide to impose a parking ban.. During an emergency parking ban, all vehicles are prohibited from parking on any street within the Town of Scarborough unless the ban is specifically described and advertised as being limited to a particular area.

Once a parking ban has been imposed, the local broadcast media will immediately be notified of the ban and of the estimated time frame that the ban will remain in effect. If you are unsure if there is a parking ban in effect, you can call our hotline at 883-7760-SNO (766).

The Town of Scarborough strictly enforces parking bans – all vehicles in violation WILL BE TOWED at the owner’s expense.

Section 26. TOWING [Adopted 12/01/1993][Amended 06/21/2006]

(A). APPLICABILITY.

1. Any vehicle which is parked in violation of any parking restriction set forth in Section 5 or Section 25(A) of this Ordinance, may at the option of any police or other officer authorized to enforce the parking regulations of the Town, may be removed by a vehicle wrecker or towing service approved by the Chief of Police and stored in a storage location approved by the Chief of Police pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance, including the provisions of the Scarborough Police Department Wrecker Policy set forth in Section 27 of this Traffic Ordinance until all waiver fees established pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3009, for all outstanding notices of parking violations and also the towing and storage charges authorized by this Ordinance have been paid or until the requirements of Section 26(C) have been met.
2. If a motor vehicle has received at least two tickets in violation of this ordinance, both of which tickets were issued after December 31, 2004 and which remain unpaid for more than thirty (30) days, and neither of which tickets is currently under appeal as permitted under Section 24 and the vehicle is found to be in further violation of this ordinance, the motor vehicle may be towed and impounded. (06/21/2006)

(B). PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL: NOTICE TO OWNER.

The police officer requesting removal of a vehicle under this Ordinance shall at the time of such removal notify the dispatcher of the intended storage location of the subject motor vehicle. Such information shall be recorded by the dispatcher for the use of the Chief of Police or Treasurer. If the motor vehicle is impounded, a reasonable attempt shall be made by telephone to contact the registered owner in order to make the owner aware of the impoundment. If contact is not made by telephone, the Chief of Police or his or her designee shall notify by certified mail the registered owner of such vehicle within five (5) business days of the impoundment thereof, the storage location of such vehicle and the requirements for release as set forth in Section 26(C). [Amended 06/21/2006]

(C). RELEASE OF VEHICLES. [Amended 06/21/2006]

- (1) Before a motor vehicle impounded under Section 26A paragraph 1 may be released, all appropriate towing and storage fees must be paid. If the registered owner of the vehicle is successful in appealing the violation, the registered owner will be reimbursed the towing and storage fees.
- (2) Before a motor vehicle impounded under Section 26A paragraph 2 may be released, all outstanding tickets and appropriate towing and storage fees must be paid. The registered owner shall have the right to appeal the ticket issued when the vehicle was impounded. If the registered owner is successful in appealing the ticket, the registered owner shall not be entitled to either reimbursement of fees paid or waiver of fees otherwise due under this paragraph.

(D). INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT.

It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct or attempt to prevent the removal of a vehicle as provided in this Section.

Section 27. SCARBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT WRECKER POLICY

[Adopted 12/01/1993] [Amended 06/21/2006]

PURPOSE

In order to protect motorists within the Scarborough Town Limits, to ensure streets and public ways remain open and free of hazards, to ensure efficient enforcement of traffic, parking, snow removal and other regulatory ordinances, it is necessary to set a policy to regulate wrecker companies used by the Scarborough Police Department. A **Wrecker Policy** will be established to regulate towing and services, storage and disposition of vehicles towed and to establish rates for these services.

POLICY

The Scarborough Police Department will maintain a rotation list of wrecker companies approved for use by the Police Department, for towing and service. The list will be used for all normal routine calls town wide and the next due wrecker will have 30 minutes to arrive at the scene of the town (**SEE Regulation "C"**). If a towing company is unable to tow, it will be the responsibility of the Scarborough Police Department to assign a replacement wrecker, not the company originally called. Nothing in the foregoing paragraph will prevent the Scarborough Police Department in emergency situations from calling the closest available wrecker.

If the emergency deems the closest available wrecker be called, it will not be logged against the company called and they will not lose their place on the rotation list.

I. INSURANCE

The following policies will be on file with the Chief of Police.

A) Garage Keepers Policy

This will cover fire, theft, windstorm, vandalism and explosion in the amount of, at least, \$25,000 with each vehicle suffering damage or loss being deemed a separate claim.

B) Garage Keepers Liability

This will cover the wrecker company's business, equipment and/or other vehicles for bodily injury or property damage. The policy shall be in the minimum amount of \$250,000 for any one person injured or killed and a minimum of \$500,000 for more than one person injured or killed in any accident and a minimum of \$25,000 for property damage.

C) Road Service Liability

This will cover the lifting, hoisting and towing of vehicles in the minimum amount of \$25,000.

D) Policy Requirements

Each policy shall contain an endorsement by the carrier providing thirty (30) day notice to both the Town of Scarborough and the insured in the event of any change in coverage and/or cancellation of the policy. Each policy shall also contain an endorsement holding harmless the Town of Scarborough or any of its' officers or employees.

II. REGULATIONS

A) Wreckers and storage facilities shall be within the Town of Scarborough limits.

- B) Wrecker company's shall maintain records as required by the Chief of Police and permit their inspection during normal business hours.
- C) Wreckers shall arrive on the scene within thirty (30) minutes of receipt of a request for service from the Police Department or lose the call to the next wrecker on the rotation list.
- D) Vehicles must be towed and not driven to the storage area.
- E) The wrecker operator shall check each vehicle, before towing, and note any existing damage.
- F) Each wrecker shall carry equipment such as brooms, shovels, speedy dry, and containers, which may be necessary to clean a normal amount of debris from the accident area. Wrecker operators shall clean the accident area of all debris resulting from the accident.
- G) No repairs will be made to the vehicle without the owner's consent.
- H) The wrecker company shall hold the Town of Scarborough harmless from all claims for damages to property and injuries to persons resulting from wrecker company's negligence in the towing or storing of a vehicle.
- I) Police Officers may not recommend a wrecker company to the public.
- J) If a request is received from a patron for a wrecker company, the wrecker company's place is not lost on the rotation schedule.
- K) Police Officers will note damage, defects, etc., with the wrecker operator before the vehicle is towed.
- L) Wrecker companies that are used for motorcycle tows must have a motorcycle "sling" device to provide maximum protection to the motorcycle.

III. SOLICITATION OF BUSINESS

No wrecker operator may respond to the scene of an accident or emergency for the purpose of towing vehicles unless specifically called there by the Scarborough Police Department or persons involved in the accident or emergency. This does not prevent the wrecker company from contracting with any person, firm or corporation. It does not prevent soliciting a contract at the scene of an accident or emergency.

IV. REMOVAL FROM THE SCARBOROUGH POLICE ROTATION LIST

The Chief of Police may remove a wrecker company from the Police Department Rotation List for any of the following:

- A) The wrecker company has violated any of the requirements or regulations established herein.
- B) The Chief of Police is not satisfied with the general services of the wrecker company and/or employees or with the cooperation it has received while rendering the services.

V. RATE SCHEDULE

Shall be as specified in the *Schedule of License, Permit and Application Fees* established by the Town Council. [Amended 09/06/1995]

DATES AMENDED

Amended to June 15, 1977
Amended December 1985
Amended June 7, 1989
Amended August 1, 1990
Amended June 17, 1992
Amended December 1, 1993
Amended November 16, 1994
Amended January 5, 1998
Amended April 21, 1999
Amended September 06, 2000
Amended December 21, 2001
Amended June 5, 2002
Amended February 5, 2003
Amended September 17, 2003
Amended September 1, 2004
Amended September 7, 2005
Amended January 20, 2010
Amended February 16, 2011
Amended May 2, 2012
Amended November 4, 2015
Amended March 1, 2017
Amended November 1, 2017
Amended August 15, 2018
Amended May 19, 2021
Amended March 6, 2024

Amended May 5, 1982
Amended October 1, 1986
Amended June 6, 1990
Amended April 3, 1991
Amended April 7, 1993
Amended June 1, 1994
Amended June 6, 1997
Amended January 6, 1999
Amended April 5, 2000
Amended December 6, 2000
Amended February 14, 2003
Amended August 21, 2002
Effective Date May 1, 2003
Amended August 18, 2004
Amended September 15, 2004
Amended June 21, 2006
Amended January 19, 2011
Amended October 19, 2011
Amended July 16, 2014
Amended October 19, 2016
Amended September 6, 2017
Amended December 20, 2017
Amended June 5, 2019
Amended March 1, 2023
Amended April 1, 2026