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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-011
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF LINN,
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN, PARKING REGULATIONS

Chapter 9. Traffic Code

§ 9-5. Parking regulations.

A. Parking prohibited at all times. Except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading or in receiving or discharging passengers or property and while the vehicle is attended by a licensed operator so that it may be moved promptly in case of an emergency or to avoid obstruction of traffic, no person shall at any time park or leave standing any vehicle or trailer upon any of the following roads or highways or parts of the roads or highways:

[Amended 8-10-2009; 6-9-2014]

Birches Drive

Burr Oak Drive

Chapin Road

Hillside Road

Linn Pier Road

Loramoor Drive

Main Road

Maple Street

Poplar Avenue

Shadow Lane

State Trunk Highway 120 from the south limit of the City of Lake Geneva to the east and west 1/4 section line of Section 12, Town 1 North, Range 17 East

Wildwood Road

B.

Parking, stopping or standing prohibited. No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle for any purpose upon the highways or parts of highways at any time where signs are erected giving notice thereof.

C.

Limited time parking. When official traffic signs are erected in any block giving notice thereof, no person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, for more than the time periods set forth on said sign, on the highway or parts thereof.

D.

Miscellaneous parking restrictions.

(1)

Street maintenance. Whenever it is necessary to clear or repair a Town roadway or any part thereof, the Town Highway Superintendent shall post such highways or parts thereof with signs bearing the words "No Parking - Street Maintenance Work." Such signs shall be erected at least two hours prior to the time that street maintenance work is to be commenced. No person shall park a motor vehicle in violation of such signs.

(2)

Parking in driveways. No person shall park or leave standing any motor vehicle in any private driveway without the permission of the owner or lessee of the property upon which such driveway is located, whether or not such driveway is posted to limit or restrict parking.

(3)

Parking heavy vehicles in residential districts. No operator of a motor truck, truck-tractor, trailer, or semitrailer or any other vehicle or combination of vehicles other than motorbuses weighing more than 6,000 pounds shall park such vehicle on any highway other than a routed state trunk highway in any residential district except for such time as is reasonably necessary to facilitate the loading or unloading of the vehicle.

(4)

No parking for snow removal.

(a)

For the purpose of removing snow from the streets and surrounding areas, the Town Board may erect signs prohibiting parking in the particular area where snow is intended to be removed. The Police Department may tow away all vehicles parked in violation of the no-parking sign pursuant to this subsection. Any person who violates this subsection may be subject to a forfeiture plus the costs of towing and storing the vehicle.

(b)

Emergencies.

[1]

If the Town Board or Chief of Police declares that an emergency exists making streets hazardous during and following a snowstorm until the snow has been removed from and sand applied where necessary to public streets:

[a]

No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle on any public street in an area which has been marked with signs or barriers by the police of said Town indicating no parking due to snow removal.

[b]

No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle on any street a during or after a winter weather event, including freezing rain, until after the snow and/or ice has been removed or plowed to the edge of the pavement.

[2]

In the event that any vehicle is abandoned and left standing in violation of Subsection **D(4)(b)[1]**, the vehicle may be removed by or under the supervision of the Police Department of the Town. The cost of the removal shall be charged against the owner or the one in possession of the vehicle.

[3]

The following temporary parking shall be permitted:

[a]

The vehicle of a doctor.

[b]

Vehicles being used for deliveries.

[c]

Police, fire and other emergency vehicles.

[d]

Any vehicle with a handicapped sticker affixed to it.

(5)

Fire lanes. When signs are erected giving notice, no person shall park any vehicle in a fire lane. The Police Department shall tow away all vehicles parked in violation of this subsection. Any person who violates this subsection shall be subject to a forfeiture plus the costs of towing and storing the vehicle.

(6)

Unattended vehicles.

(a)

No person shall leave an automobile unattended on any street, parking lot, public ground or alley while the motor is running. No person shall permit a motor vehicle in his custody to stand or remain unattended upon any street, alley or public place in the Town without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key and taking it with him.

(b)

Whenever any police officer finds any motor vehicle standing in violation of the provisions in Subsection **D(6)(a)**, the officer shall remove the key and deliver the same to the Police Department. Upon so doing, the officer shall attach to the vehicle a notice that the keys will be returned upon presentation of the notice and proof of ownership of the vehicle.

(7)

Boat trailer parking. No person shall at any time park or leave standing a boat trailer upon any of the following roads or highways or parts of the roads or highways:

[Added 10-9-1998]

Birches Drive

Center Street

Maple Lane

Sunnyside Avenue

E.

Removal of illegally parked vehicles. Any vehicle parked or left standing upon a highway, street or alley or other public grounds in violation of any of the provisions of this section or § 9-1 of this chapter is declared to be a hazard to traffic and public safety. Such vehicle shall be removed by the operator, upon request of any police officer, to a position where parking, stopping or standing is not prohibited. Any police officer, after issuing a citation for illegal parking, stopping or standing of an unattended vehicle in violation of this code, is authorized to remove such vehicle to a position where parking is not prohibited. The officer may order a motor carrier holding a permit to perform vehicle towing services, a licensed motor vehicle salvage dealer or a licensed motor vehicle dealer who performs vehicle towing services to remove and store such vehicle in any storage garage or rental parking grounds or any facility of the person providing the towing services. In addition to other penalties provided by § 9-6 of this chapter, the owner or operator of a vehicle so removed shall pay the cost of towing and storage. If towing is done by the Police Department, the sum of \$50 shall be paid for towing.

F.

Registration record of vehicle as evidence. When any vehicle is found upon a street or highway in violation of any provision of this code regulating the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles and the identity of the operator cannot be determined, the owner as shown by the ownership registration of the vehicle supplied by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, or a comparable authority of any other state, shall be subject to appropriate penalty.

Dated at the Town of Linn, Wisconsin, this August 20th day of August, 2020.

TOWN OF LINN

BY: James S. Weiss
James Weiss, Chairman

ATTEST

Rose Miller
Rose Miller, Clerk