

Town of Barnet PARKING ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This civil ordinance is adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Barnet under the authority granted in 4 V.S.A. § 32(c)(11); 19 V.S.A. §§ 304(a)(6), 1105; 23 V.S.A. §§ 1008, 1102; 2151 et seq.; 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59; 24 V.S.A. § 2291(4), (26); and Vermont Rule of Civil Procedure 80.9.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare of the Town, promote the flow of vehicular traffic, enhance accessibility for all users, support local businesses, and to preserve residents' rights to the quiet enjoyment of their homes and properties by regulating the time, manner, and location of parking within the Town.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and/or phrases will be defined as follows:

- A. "Enforcement Officer" means any Town Constable, Police Officer, or any other person designated as an Enforcement Officer by the Selectboard.
- B. "Law Enforcement Officer" means any law enforcement officer certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council.
- C. "Motor vehicle" or "vehicle" includes all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than by muscular power.
- D. "Park" or "parking" is the stopping or standing of any motor vehicle, whether occupied or unoccupied, attended or unattended, otherwise than temporarily as prescribed by this Ordinance for the purpose and while actually engaged in loading or unloading persons or property.

SECTION 4. WINTER PARKING. It is unlawful to park a motor vehicle on any Town highway right-of-way between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M. from December 1st until April 1st.

SECTION 5. NO PARKING AREAS.

- A. It is unlawful to park in a manner that obstructs or impedes the flow of traffic or to park in excess of 15 minutes on the travelled portion of any town road or highway in the Town without the express consent of the Selectboard, Road Foreman, Fire Department Chief, any Law Enforcement Officer, or others designated by the Selectboard;
- B. It is unlawful to leave a vehicle parked on property owned, leased, or maintained by the Town for more than 12 hours continuously without written consent from the Selectboard, Road Foreman, or Fire Department Chief;
- C. It is unlawful to park less than 50 feet from an intersection;
- D. It is unlawful to park in any area marked "NO PARKING" and/or where official "NO PARKING" signs

are posted;

- E. It is unlawful to park in any area that is designated as a fire lane and/or where official "FIRE LANE" signs are posted;
- F. It is unlawful to park outside of designated parking places in areas where parking places are designated by lines or markings that are painted or placed upon the curb and/or upon the street;
- G. It is unlawful to park a vehicle which blocks or otherwise obstructs the use of any fire hydrant or emergency vehicle(s).
- H. It is unlawful for any motor vehicle to park in a space designated as parking for persons with disabilities except when the motor vehicle is equipped with a valid handicapped registration plate(s) or a properly displayed handicap permit from the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with 23 V.S.A. § 304a, or as otherwise provided by the law of the state in which the vehicle is registered, and an occupant is a person with a disability.
- I. It is unlawful to park a motor vehicle:
 - 1. In the town right of way for a period of more than 72 consecutive hours.
 - 2. In the town owned "Park-N-Rides" for more than 48 consecutive hours. Specifically, the park-n-ride to the north west of the intersection of I-91 and West Barnet Road, and the park-n-ride at the intersection of Church Street and Bimson Drive.

SECTION 6. SIGNAGE. Signs conspicuously printed with the words "No Parking" and indicating that vehicles may be towed away at the expense of the owner will be erected and maintained at all such areas where parking is prohibited by Section 5, above.

SECTION 7. PENALTY.

- A. An Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover civil penalties for violations of this Ordinance in the following amounts for each violation:

First offense:	\$50 full penalty / \$25 waiver penalty
Second offense:	\$100 full penalty / \$50 waiver penalty
Third offense:	\$200 full penalty / \$100 waiver penalty
Subsequent offense(s):	\$250 full penalty / \$125 waiver penalty

- B. The Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover a waiver fee in lieu of a civil penalty, in the stated amount, from any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee.
- C. Determining the sequences of offenses for violations of this Ordinance will be as follows: a subsequent violation that is identical to, and that occurs within six months of, a previous violation will be considered a higher offense (i.e., second, third, or subsequent offense). Any subsequent identical violation that occurs after six months of a previous identical violation will be considered a new first offense.
- D. In addition to any penalty, a motor vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance may be removed ("towed") by order of a Law Enforcement Officer. The motor vehicle's owner will be charged the cost of its storage and removal. The motor vehicle will not be released to the owner until all

removal and storage costs have been paid.

1. Upon removal of a motor vehicle by the Town, the Town will send notice by first class mail, to:
 - a. the registered owner of the stored vehicle to the address on file with the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV); and
 - b. to any holder(s) of a security interest therein (if the identity of same can be readily ascertained), each within five (5) business days of the removal and storage of said vehicle.
2. The notice will be tendered on forms prescribed and provided by the Town and must:
 - a. describe the year, make and serial number of the stored vehicle;
 - b. identify the vehicle's storage location;
 - c. define the requirements for the vehicle's release; and
 - d. outline the process to reclaim the vehicle.

SECTION 8. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL AND ENFORCEMENT.

- A. Within fifteen (15) business days, a person receiving a parking ticket may appeal the violation by submitting a statement of objections to the Selectboard. The Selectboard, will review the objections and respond in writing within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of the statement of objections.
- B. The Selectboard will have the discretionary authority to uphold the parking ticket, to overturn the parking ticket, or to reduce the amount of the fine. If, after exhausting this administrative appeal process, the violator has not paid the penalty assessed for the violation of this Ordinance, the Town attorney, at the discretion of the Selectboard, may institute an action on behalf of the Town against the violator in District Court in accordance with Rule 80.9 of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure.

SECTION 9. OTHER LAWS. This Ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances of the Town and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions, regulations, policies, or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY. If any section of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such findings will not invalidate any other part of this Ordinance. If any statute referred to in this Ordinance is amended, this Ordinance will be deemed to refer to such amended statute.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance will become effective sixty (60) days after its adoption by the Selectboard. If a petition is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute will govern the taking effect of this Ordinance.

Adopted this 13 day of July, 2026

SIGNATURES:



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Adoption History

1. Agenda item at Selectboard meeting held on 6/8/2026 & 7/13/2026
2. Read and approved at Selectboard meeting on 7/13/2026 and entered in the minutes of that meeting.
3. Posted in public places on 7/24/2026.
4. Notice of adoption published in the CALEDONIAN-RECORD newspaper on 7/25/2026 with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions [*petitions, etc.*].