

**TOWN OF RUMNEY
USE OF TOWN PROPERTY
OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED ON TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY**

AUTHORITY

In accordance with and under the authority of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 41:11; 41:11-a, 41:11-b, RSA 202-A:11, I, and RSA 289:7, I(a), the Town of Rumney Board of Selectmen, Board of Library Trustees, and Board of Cemetery Trustees hereby establish the following ordinance for the regulation of overnight parking or camping on all Town-owned property.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the public peace, preserve public law and order, promote safety and welfare and ensure proper and decent conduct for the residents of the Town of Rumney and the general public, in the use of Town-owned properties.

ACTS PROHIBITED

From and after the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person to camp, or to park, for the purposes of occupancy, any vehicle or recreational vehicle, either overnight or for any two-hour period between dusk and dawn, on any town-owned property in the Town of Rumney.

DEFINITIONS

'Camp' – includes pitching a tent, or placing or erecting any other camping device, or sleeping on the ground, see RSA 236:58.

Recreational Vehicle (RSA 216-I:1 VIII) means any of the following vehicles:

- (a) Motor home, van, or mini-van which is a portable, temporary dwelling to be used for travel, recreation and vacation, constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle
- (b) Pickup camper, which is a structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation
- (c) Recreational trailer, which is a vehicular, portable structure built on a single chassis, 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest exterior horizontal projections, calculated by taking the measurements of the windows but not the roof overhand. It shall be designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as a temporary dwelling for recreational, camping travel or seasonal use
- (d) Tent trailer, which is a canvas or synthetic fiber folding structure, mounted on wheels and designed for travel, recreation and vacation purposes

Town Property – Property owned by the Town of Rumney

1. Baker Athletic Field – Quincy Road
2. Byron G. Merrill Library – 10 Buffalo Road
3. Cemeteries
4. Depot Fire Station – 59 Depot Street
5. Highway Garages 31 Old North Groton Road; 71 Old North Groton Road
6. Historical Society – 20 Buffalo Road
7. Jim Darling Natural Area – Rumney Route 25
8. Town Common – Stinson Lake Road/Quincy Road

(Town Properties continued)

9. Town Office – 79 Depot Street
10. Transfer Station – Buffalo Road
11. West Rumney Fire Station – Old Route 25
12. Any other town-owned property that may not be listed above

EXCEPTIONS

Restrictions in this ordinance shall not apply:

- A. When permission has been granted by a police officer for official or emergency purposes
- B. When permission has been granted by the Board of Selectmen or Chief of Police in conjunction with a written special event permit granted in advance by the Selectmen.

RESPONSIBILITY

All violations of parking restrictions and charges shall be deemed the responsibility of the registered owner of said vehicle. Such registration may be proven as set forth in RSA 261:60. Said registered owner shall be conclusively presumed to be in control of the vehicle at the time of the parking violation, and no evidence of actual control or culpability need to be proven as an element of the offense in accordance with RSA 231:132-a.

REMOVAL

Any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance may be ordered towed by the Rumney Police Department at the expense of the owner, or custodian of said vehicle.

ENFORCEMENT

- a) Any duly appointed police officer for the Town of Rumney may enforce this Ordinance by personally serving upon the violator, or by affixing to the vehicle involved, a notice of violation. The notice shall explain in writing the penalties and procedure for payment by mail in lieu of contesting the violation, as set forth below.
- b) A violator who does not wish to contest the violation, and who, within 10 calendar days of the issuance of the notice of violation, makes payment in person or by mail to the Rumney Police Department shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). A violator who does not make payment within the 10 calendar days shall be subject to a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- c) Failure of the violator to make payment within 20 calendar days may result in the issuance of a summons to the violator to appear in the Circuit Court to answer the charges of violating this Ordinance, as provided in RSA 231:132-a, in which case the penalty shall be up to the Court, with the range of penalties provided for a violation as set forth in RSA 651:2.
- d) All penalties collected for violations of this Ordinance shall be for the use of the Town, and deposited into the Town's general fund.

AMENDMENTS

This ordinance may be amended by the vote of the Board of Selectmen at a properly scheduled Selectmen's meeting.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen:**Date:**

Edward L. Haskell, Jr.
Edward L. Haskell, Jr., Chairman

4/21/2014

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