TITLE 7

CHAPTER 5 – TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

It is hereby enacted by the Selectboard of the Town of Richford for the purposes of identifying traffic regulations in the Town ~~former boundaries of the Village~~ of Richford:

Title 7, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1 of the Richford Town Ordinances is enacted to read:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

Section 1.015~~105~~ Definitions

"Motor Vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by mechanical power and intended for use upon public highways.

"Overnight Parking" means the parking or standing of a vehicle between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

"Severe Winter Storm Event" means any snowfall, freezing precipitation, ice storm, blizzard, drifting snow event, or other winter weather condition that, in the judgement of the Road Commissioner, Highway Foreman, Town Administrator, Police Department, or their designee, requires unrestricted snow and ice removal operations.

"Camper" means any motor vehicle, trailer, or other conveyance designed for human habitation.

"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.

"Enforcement Officer" means Town Constable, Police Officer, Road Commissioner, Highway Foreman, or any other person designated as an Enforcement Officer by the Selectboard.

"**Law Enforcement Officer**" means any law enforcement officer certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council.

"**Continuous Parking"** means to leave a vehicle stationary in a single parking space or restricted zone for an unbroken, uninterrupted period of time for more than 48 hours.

~~Unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions contained in Title 23, Chapter 1, Sec. 4 Vermont Statutes Annotated shall apply throughout this chapter. **(effective Dec. 1, 1974)**~~

Title 7, Chapter 5, Subchapter 2 of the Richford Town~~Village~~ Ordinances is enacted to read:

Subchapter 2. Operation of Vehicles

Section 2.015~~151~~. Speed Limitations

(a) No person shall operate a vehicle on or over a highway within the limits of the ~~Village~~ Town of Richford at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions, having regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event speed shall be controlled as

necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other object on or adjacent to the highway.

(b) The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, drive at an appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or railway grade crossing, when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching the crest of a hill, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, and when special hazard exists.

(c) Except when there exists a special hazard or driving situation that requires lower speed in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the limit specified in this section is the maximum lawful speed and no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway with the ~~limits~~ Town of Richford ~~Village~~ at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour, unless otherwise posted.~~. (effective December 1, 1974; amendment effective March 10, 1998)~~

Section 2.025~~165~~. Full Stop Intersections

(a) Any person operating a motor vehicle shall bring said vehicle to a full and complete stop before proceeding into any one of the following intersections:

1. School Street at its intersection with Main Street;
2. Troy Street at its intersection with Main Street
3. Harlem Street at its intersection with South Main Street;
4. Maple Street at its intersection with South Main Street;
5. Home Street at its intersection with Thomas Street;
6. Liberty Street at its intersection with Thomas Street;
7. Willow Street at its intersection with Troy Street;
8. Eastern Avenue at its intersection with Province Street;
9. Union Street at its intersection with Eastern Avenue;
10. Corliss Heights at its intersection with Eastern Ave, Stops at each end? ;
11. Church Street at its intersection with Province Street;
12. Mullins Avenue at its intersection with River Street;
13. Dewey Street at its intersection with Province Street;
14. Elm Street at its intersection with Province Street;
15. Elm Street at its intersection Church Street;
16. Richard Street at its intersection with Elm Street ;
17. Richard Street at its intersection with Church Street;
18. Hamilton Place at its intersection with Dewey Street;
19. Hamilton Place at its intersection with Elm Street;
20. Hamilton Place at its intersection with Church Street;
21. Elm Avenue at its intersection with Elm Street;
22. North Avenue at its intersection with River Street;
23. Elm Street at its intersection with North Avenue;
24. Elm Avenue at its intersection with Dewey Street;
25. Green Avenue at its intersection with Province Street;
26. Main Street at its intersection with River Street;
27. Town Street at its intersection with River Street;

28. River Street at its intersection with Town StreetHouse Hill Road and River Street approaching from the east; and
29. River Street at its intersection with Town StreetHouse Hill Road and River Street approaching from the west.
30. Dunlavey Ave / North Ave Stop Webster Street its intersection with Province Street
31. Kings Court with its intersection with Province Street, Quaker Street with its intersection with Province Street
32. Playground Road with its intersection with Intervale Ave

(b) Every vehicle, immediately before entering the limits of the above designated full stop intersections shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles and pedestrians approaching from either direction except when otherwise directed by a police officer or signal. (effective December 11, 1974)

Section 2.035175. General Penalties

A violation of any of the provisions of this subchapter shall be considered a traffic violation and a fine therefore shall be levied in accordance with the provisions of Title 23, Chapter 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated as the same is from time to time amended by the Legislature. (effective December 1, 1974)

Title 17, Chapter 5, Subchapter 34 of the Richford TownVillage Ordinances is enacted to read:

Subchapter 34. Streets

Section 3.015251. Limited Access Streets

(a) For the purposes of this section the term "motor truck" means any motor vehicle designated primarily for the transportation of property but not including motor vehicles commonly referred to as "pick-up" trucks. (effective December 1, 1974)
(b) No person shall operate a motor truck on or over the following streets:
(1) Farrar Street between South Main Street and Center and Troy Streets.

Section 3.025252. One WayOne-Way Streets

A. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on or over the following streets except in a north to south direction:
1. Town Street starting at a point marking the intersection of ChurchRiver Street and Town Street and terminating at a point marking the intersection of Town Street and RiverChurch Street. (effective November 8, 1976)
B. No Person shall operate a motor vehicle on or over the following streets except in a west to east direction:
(A) Farrar Street starting at a point marking the intersection of Main Street (Route #105) and Farrar Street and terminating at a point marking the intersection of Farrar Street, Troy Street and Center Street. (effective July 10, 1978)

Section 3.035298. Signs

The highway department of the Town of Richford, under the direction of the Town Highway Commissioner, shall be responsible for the placement of signs on those streets where vehicular movement is restricted pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter. ~~(effective November 8, 1976)~~

Section 3.045299. General Penalties

A violation of any of the provisions of this subchapter shall be considered a traffic violation and a fine therefore shall be levied in accordance with the provisions of Title 23, Chapter 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated as the same is from time to time amended by the Legislature. ~~(effective December 1, 1974)~~

Title 7, Chapter 5, Subchapter 45 of the Richford TownVillage Ordinances is enacted to read:

Subchapter 45. Parking

The following subchapter consolidates parking-related restrictions, enforcement procedures, and penalties for streets, municipal parking lots, accessible spaces, and winter parking within the Town.

~~Street parking is viewed as temporary in nature. In the sections below there are various restrictions for parking in different areas of the village.~~

Street parking is temporary in nature. The sections below establish parking restrictions and permissions for different areas within the Town.

Section 4.015308. ~~Unlawful parking as a Public Nuisance~~ General Parking Regulations

~~Towing~~

~~The parking of any vehicle:~~No person shall park, stand, or leave a vehicle:

- That is disabled, unregistered, or uninspected,
- within thirty (30) feet of ~~At~~ an intersection,
- on a crosswalk,
- within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant,
- in a location that obstructs emergency access,
- in front of or blocking a public or private driveway,
- on a bridge or within a highway culvert area,~~viaduct,~~
- ~~A~~ on a sidewalk or pedestrian walkway,~~;~~
- In a manner that obstructs the normal flow of traffic~~within the traveled right-of-way of any public highway~~,
- within any area wherein parking is prohibited or restricted by this Ordinance,
- within any public right-of-way against the lane of travel.~~, and~~

~~a permanent residential / tenant on street as prohibited in Section S5300.~~

-If such parking occurs, thean Enforcement Officer may remove any vehicle parked or cause it to be removed at the sole expense of the owner of such, to any parkinged garage or any holding area as authorized by the Selectboard or designated by a law enforcement officer, by towing or otherwise.

It is hereby declared a public nuisance, and the Police Commissioner, Highway Commissioner, Fire Chief, Town Constable, or any law enforcement officer so authorized, may remove any vehicle so parked, or cause it to be removed at the sole expense of the owner of such, to any parked garage or any holding area as authorized by the Select Board or designated by a law enforcement officer, by towing or otherwise. In the event of such removal, the provisions of (b-f) inclusive shall apply. **(effective Nov. 14, 2002)**

Section 4.025300. Camper ParkingResidential / Tenant Street Parking –

Permanent parking of Ccampers is prohibited on any street or municipal parking lot unless specifically authorized by the Selectboard. For purposes of this ordinance, 'camper' refers to any motor vehicle, trailer, or other conveyance designed for human habitation.

If such parking occurs, the Enforcement Officer may remove any vehicleCamper parked or cause it to be removed, by towing or otherwise, at the sole expense of the owner of such, to any parkinged garage or any holding area as authorized by the Selectboard or designated by a law enforcement officer, by towing or otherwise.

(B) Permanent residential / tenant on-street parking is prohibited except as allowed in section S5301 through section through S5305. As such, overnight on-street parking by residents or tenants will be deemed a public nuisance and will be subject to written warning, towing, and/ or fine.

(C) Permanent parking of a camper is prohibited on any street and/or municipal parking lot unless authorized by the Selectboard.

(D) If such parking occurs, the Police Commissioner, Street Commissioner, Highway Foreman, Town Constable, or any law enforcement officer so authorized, may remove any vehicle so parked, or cause it to be removed at the sole expense of the owner of such, to any parked garage or any holding area as authorized by the Select Board or designated by a law enforcement officer, by towing or otherwise.

Section 4.03 Municipal Parking Lots

Municipal parking lots shall not be used for vehicle storage or continuous overnight parking without prior written authorization from the Selectboard. Except the four (4) spots reserved for permitted use in the River Street parking lot. This restriction applies to the River Street parking lot, and Davis Park parking lot.

If such parking occurs, the Enforcement Officer may remove any vehicle parked or cause it to be removed at the sole expense of the owner of such, by towing or otherwise, to any parked garage or any holding area as authorized by the Selectboard or designated by a law enforcement officer, by towing or otherwise.

Section 4.045301. Streets with Restricted Parking – ~~Time Limits~~

(a) Person(s) shall park or cause to be parked a motor vehicle under their control, direction, or registered in their name within the highway right-of-way of the public streets only as outlined in subsection (c) of this section. Parking outlined in subsection (c) of this section is intended for patrons visiting nearby businesses, as well as for temporary loading and unloading of goods or passengers.

(b) Parking in the areas designated in subsection (b) is limited to a maximum of four (4) consecutive hours unless otherwise posted. Vehicles parked in excess of this time limit may be subject to enforcement action in accordance with this ordinance.

~~No erson shall park or cause to be parked a motor vehicle under their control or direction or registered in their name within the highway right of way of the public streets set forth in subsection (b) of this section between the hours of 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM for more than sixty (60) consecutive minutes **(effective Nov. 8, 1976; amendment effective Dec.10, 1996)**~~

~~(a)~~ (c) The following streets and/or parking spaces are subject to the parking permission and restrictions outlined ~~set forth~~ in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

~~(1) The north side of River Street starting at the point marking the southernly terminus of Province Street and the easterly terminus of River Street and proceeding in a westerly direction to a point marking the intersection of the northerly limit of River Street and the southerly extension of the center line of Mullen Avenue.~~

(1) One (1) marked parking space located in front of 14 Province Street and two (2) parking spaces in front of 26 Province Street.

(2) The south side of River Street starting at the point marking the intersection of River Street and Main Street proceeding to the intersection of River Street and Eastern Ave. ~~southerly terminus of Province Street and the easterly terminus of River Street and ending at the center line of Mullen Ave. **(effective Nov. 8, 1976)**~~

(3) Along both sides of Main Street, starting at a point marking the intersection of Troy Street and Main Street proceeding in a northerly direction ~~to the boundary line of 20 & 21 Main Street~~and only in clearly marked designated parking spots.

(4) Both sides of Church Street starting at the intersection of Hamilton Place and Church Street and ending at the intersection of Church Street and Elm Ave.

~~(2)~~(5) Both sides of Town Street starting at a point marking the intersection of River Street and Town Street and proceeding in a northerly direction to a point marking the intersection of said Town Street and Church Street.

~~(3)~~

~~(c) No person shall park or cause to be parked a motor vehicle under their control or direction or registered in their name within the highway right of way of the public streets set forth, in subsection (d) of this section for more than twenty (20) consecutive minutes in any one (1) calendar day **(effective Dec. 10, 1996)**~~

~~(d)~~

~~(1) On the westerly side of Troy Street from a point marking the northerly edge of a driveway of 16 Troy Street and proceeding in a southerly direction to the intersection of said Troy Street and Farrar Street.~~ ~~**(effective Dec. 10, 1996)**~~

Section 4.055302. No Parking

~~(a)~~ No person shall park or cause to be parked a motor vehicle under their control or direction or registered in their name within the highway right of way of the following public streets: ~~set forth in subsection (b) of this section.~~

~~(b) The following streets are subject to the parking restrictions outlinedset forth in subsection (a) of this section~~

1. On both sides of Province Street, starting at the intersection of Province Street and River Street and ending at the intersection of Province Street and Elm Street. **Except for those spaces outlined in Section 4.04 subsection (b).**
~~1.~~2. On both sides of River Street, starting at the intersection of Main Street and River Street and proceeding in a westerly direction ending at Mullen Avenue**. Except for clearly marked parking spots.**
3. North side of River Street headed east to the intersection of River Street and Province Street.
4. Both sides of South Street and Union Street from beginning to end.
5. ~~-~~Both sides of Eastern Avenue starting at the intersection of Province Street ~~until~~and ending at the ~~end of Eastern Ave~~railroad crossing. ~~**(amendment effective Feb. 15, 1977)**~~
6. The south side of Church Street starting at a point marking the intersection of Church Street and Province Street and ending at the ~~proceeding in a westerly direction to a point marking the~~ intersection of Church Street and~~-~~ Hamilton Place~~.~~ ~~**(effective November 8, 1976)**~~
7. ~~On b~~Both sides of Troy Street from Liberty Street to the entrance of the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail~~.~~ ~~**(effective Sept. 13, 1982)**~~
8. Both sides of~~-~~ Main Street starting at a point marking the intersection of Main Street and the northerly side of Harlem Street and proceeding in a northerly direction to a point marking the intersection of the Main Street and~~/~~ Troy Street intersection. ~~**(effective May 10, 1983)**~~

~~**1.** On the westerly side of Province Street, from a point marking the intersection of said Province Street and River Street and proceeding in a northerly direction to a point marking the intersection of said Province Street and Elm Street.~~ ~~**)**~~

~~***2. North side of River Street headed east to the intersection of River and Province Street***~~

9. Starting at point marking the intersection of School Street and Main Street proceeding ~~O~~on the northerly side of School Street ~~from a point marking the intersection of said School Street and Main Street~~ and proceeding in a westerly direction to a point marking the intersection of said School Street and Academy Lane ~~Street~~. ~~**(effective July 13, 1987)**~~
10. ~~On b~~Both sides of School Street from a point marking the intersection of ~~said~~ School Street and Academy Lane~~Street~~ and proceeding in a westerly direction to the end of ~~said~~ School Street ~~**(effective July 13, 1987)**~~

11. On the northerly side of Farrar Street from a point marking the intersection of said Farrar Street and Main Street and proceeding in an easterly direction to a point marking the intersection of ~~said~~ Farrar Street and Troy Street. ~~**(effective July 13, 1987)**~~

12. Any section of a street that is clearly marked with an official "No Parking" sign shall be considered a restricted area, and parking in these areas is prohibited.

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~~3. On the easterly side of Troy Street from a point marking the driveway of 19 Troy Street and proceeding in a southerly direction to a point marking the south-westerly corner of the Troy Street Cemetery. **(effective July 13, 1987)**~~

~~4. Both sides of Troy Street from a point marking the intersection of Liberty Street and running in an easterly direction to the crossing of the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trailformer village line. **(effective Mar. 15, 1998)**~~

~~Both sides of South Street from a point marking the intersection of Province Street running in an easterly direction through Union Street to a point marking the intersection of Eastern Avenue. **(effective Mar.15 1998)**~~

~~2. The southwesterly side of Eastern Avenue from a point marking the intersection of Corliss Heights running in a west-northerly direction to a point marking the intersection of River and Province Street. **(effective Mar. 15, 1998)**~~

~~**3. covered in proposed number 4**The westerly side of Province Street at a point marking the intersection of River Street and Eastern Avenue and running in a northerly direction to a point marking the (intersection of Church Street.) northerly edge of 14 Province Street parking lot. **(effective Mar.15, 1998) (amendment effective Dec. 15, 1998)**~~

~~**5. On the northern side of the intersection of Main Street and Troy Street to the boundary line of 9 Troy Street.**~~

~~S5306~~3. Restricted Parking ~~– Miscellaneous~~ ~~REPEALED~~

~~(a) Except for the purpose of loading and unloading personal property and freight from a motor vehicle, no person shall park or cause to be parked a motor vehicle under their control or direction or registered in their name within the highway right of way of the public streets set forth in the subsection (b) of this section.~~

~~(b) The following streets are subject to the parking restrictions set forth in the subsection (a) of this section.~~

~~(1) Both sides of Town Street starting at a point marking the intersection of River Street and Town Street and proceeding in a northerly direction to a point marking the intersection of said Town Street and Church Street.~~

~~(d) The parking of motor vehicles within the highway right of way on those streets designated in subsection (b) shall be limited to two (2) hours during any one calendar day. **(effective November 8, 1976)**~~

Section 4.06. Winter Parking Restrictions

(a) **Seasonal Winter Parking Ban**

From December 1 through April 15, no vehicle shall be parked on any public street, highway, or municipal right-of-way within Town between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(b) **Severe Winter Storm Parking Ban**

Between 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., patrons are expected to use good judgment when parking on public streets, highways, or municipal rights-of-way during winter weather conditions. The Town is not required to provide individual notice of severe winter storms. All drivers should remain aware of weather conditions and avoid parking in a manner that interferes with snow removal or public safety. Vehicles found obstructing snow operations may be subject to towing at the Town's discretion and at the owner's expense.

Section 4.075305 AccessibleHandicap Parking

(a) Except for those motor vehicles displaying AccessibleDisabled Parking Plates or AccessibleDisabled Parking Placards, no person shall park or cause to be parked a motor vehicle under their control or direction or registered in their name in any parking space marked for individuals with disabilities as outlined set forth in subsection (b) of this section. Violations are subject to towing at the owner's expense and civil penalties as defined in Section 4.13 of this subchapter. Section 4.13 is hereby incorporated by reference.Anyone found in violation of this ordinance may be subject to being towed at the owner's expense or civil penalties as defined in Section 5326 of this subchapter. **(effective July 10, 1995; amendment effective March 15, 1998)**

(b) The following parking spaces are to be designated as parking spaces for individuals with disabilities and are subject to the parking restrictions outlinedset forth in subsection (a) of this section.

(1) The first two parking spaces on the south side of River Street., starting at a point thirty (30) feet east of a point marking the intersection of River Steet., and Main Streett., and heading in an easterly direction. **(effective July 10, 1995, amendment affective Match 15, 1998)**

(2) The first parking space on the east side of Main Street, starting at a point marking the southerly edge of 55 Main Street and proceeding south. **(effective March 15, 1998)**

(2)(3) The first parking spot on the westerly side of River Street, starting at a point marking the intersection of River Street and Main Street.

Section 4.085306. Presumptions

For purposes of this subchapter the registered owner of a motor vehicle shall be responsible for violations committed by all persons using such motor vehicle with the registered owner's permission. The registered owner of a motor vehicle must assert in writing the defense of unauthorized use in all prosecutions pursuant to this subchapter before it shall be the duty of the Town to establish the contrary as a part of its prima facie case. **(effective November 8, 1976)**

Section 4.095307. Signs

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 4.05, above.The highway department of the Town of Richford under the direction

~~of the Highway Commissioner shall be responsible for the placement of signs on those streets where parking is restricted pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter.~~ **~~(effective November 8, 1976)~~**

~~S5308. Unlawful parking as a Public Nuisance~~

~~(a) Towing~~

~~The parking of any vehicle:~~

- ~~That is disabled, unregistered, or uninspected,~~
- ~~At an intersection,~~
- ~~on a crosswalk,~~
- ~~within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant,~~
- ~~in front of a private driveway,~~
- ~~on a bridge or viaduct,~~
- ~~A on a sidewalk,~~
- ~~within the traveled right-of-way of any public highway,~~
- ~~within any area wherein parking is prohibited or restricted by this Ordinance,~~
- ~~within any public right-of-way against the lane of travel, and~~
- ~~a permanent residential / tenant on street as prohibited in Section S5300.~~

~~It is hereby declared a public nuisance, and the Police Commissioner, Highway Commissioner, Fire Chief, Town Constable, or any law enforcement officer so authorized, may remove any vehicle so parked, or cause it to be removed at the sole expense of the owner of such, to any parked garage or any holding area as authorized by the Select Board or designated by a law enforcement officer, by towing or otherwise. In the event of such removal, the provisions of (b-f) inclusive shall apply.~~ **~~(effective Nov. 14, 2002)~~**

Section 4.10. ~~Record of~~ Removed Vehicles

~~(b) Record of Removed Vehicle~~

~~(c)~~ The following information will be captured from any vehicle towed ~~in compliance of~~pursuant to Section 4.01~~(b)~~:

1. photo of the vehicle;
2. License plate; and
3. VIN (if possible).

~~3.~~

~~(d)~~(a) All information captured for vehicles towed will be shared with the Town Administrator.

The persons so authorized in Section 4.015~~3015308(b)~~ and the owner of any garage to which such vehicle is removed shall keep a record of each vehicle so removed

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~~(e)~~(b) Reclaiming of Vehicle

- Before the owner shall be permitted to reclaim a vehicle which has been removed pursuant to (a) of this section, the owner shall provide sufficient information so that their identity may be verified. Verification of ownership shall be performed by the towing company or owner of the garage before said vehicle is released
- The vehicle owner shall be required to sign a written receipt acknowledging delivery of said vehicle before release.

~~(effective Nov. 14, 2002)~~

~~(f)~~(c) Charges

No charges made or incurred hereunder shall be in excess of the rate ordinarily charged by the person making such removal or doing such storing or parking, and if such removal, storing or parking is done by the Town, such charges shall be in conformity with prevailing rates thereof in the Town. ~~(effective Nov. 14, 2002)~~

~~(g)~~(d) Lien; Foreclosure

Pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 1753, any and all expenses incurred by the Town, or any of the departments thereof, under and by virtue of ~~(a-f) of this subsection~~this ordinance, shall be and become a lien upon the motor vehicle removed as herein authorized, and such lien may be foreclosed in accordance with the procedure provided in 9 V.S.A. § 1952. ~~Section 1952 of Title 9, Vermont State Statutes Annotated. (effective Nov. 14, 2005)~~

~~(h)~~(e) Charges Not a Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture

No charges made or incurred hereunder shall be considered to be a fine, penalty or forfeiture. The removal and storage or parking of any vehicle ~~under (a-e) of this subsection~~ shall not be a bar to the institution and prosecution of criminal proceedings against the owner or operator of such vehicle. ~~(effective Nov. 14, 2002)~~

~~(i) Severability~~

~~If any subsection of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance. (effective Nov. 14, 2002)~~

~~S5309 Municipal Parking Lots~~

~~Overnight residential / tenant parking is prohibited in municipal parking lots unless authorized by the Selectboard. This includes River Street parking lot, Davis Park parking lot, and the Municipal Park & Ride on Eastern Avenue.~~

~~S5321. Winter Parking – Restriction REPEALED~~

~~(a) No person shall park or cause to be parked a motor vehicle under their control or direction or registered in their name within the highway right of way of the public streets located within the boundaries of the former Village between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM including Sundays and legal holidays during the period from December 1st of every year to April 15th of the following year. (effective July 10, 1978, amendment effective Nov. 14, 2002))~~

~~The Selectboard may grant by pre-arrangement a written temporary waiver not to exceed 48 hours for circumstances deemed appropriate and beyond the control of the applicant. (effective Nov. 14, 2002)~~

~~S5323 repealed in its entirety effective Nov. 14, 2002~~

Section 4.11~~5323~~. Removal of Stopped Vehicles ~~– Generally~~

(a) Any Llaw Eenforcement Oefficer is authorized to:
  (1) Move or cause to be moved a vehicle stopped, parked or standing contrary to any of the provisions of this title, or to require the driver or other person in charge to move the vehicle
  (2) Remove or cause to be removed an unattended vehicle, which is an obstruction to traffic, to a garage, or other place of safety;
  (3) Remove any vehicle found upon a highway as defined in Title 19, Section 1, Vermont Statutes Annotated, to a garage or other place of safety when:
    (A) The officer is informed by a reliable source that the vehicle has been stolen or taken without consent of its owner; or,
    (B) The person in charge of the vehicle is unable to provide for its removal, and the law enforcement officer determines the vehicle should be removed; or
    (C) The person in charge of the vehicle has been arrested under circumstances which require their immediate removal from control of the vehicle.

(b) Any enforcement officer removing or causing the removal of the motor vehicle under this section shall notify the Town Clerk as to the location and date of discovery of the vehicle and the place of storage. The officer shall record and remove from the vehicle, if possible, any information which might aid him in ascertaining the ownership of the vehicle.

(c) All expenses incurred in the removal of the vehicle pursuant to this section shall be ~~borne~~ the responsibility of ~~by~~ the registered owner ~~thereof~~ of the vehicle. ~~and~~ Ssuch expenses shall constitute a lien on ~~such~~ the vehicle in favor of the Town of Richford~~, which lien shall be discharged before a vehicle subject thereto is returned to the owner~~ and shall be paid before the vehicle is returned to the owner. ~~(effective July 10, 1978)~~

Section 4.12~~5324~~. Public Notice

Public notice related to parking restrictions, including winter parking bans or severe weather events, may, at the Town's discretion, be provided by posting on the Town website, displaying messages on electronic signs, or placing notices on vehicles when practical. The Town does not guarantee that notice will always be received, and inadvertent errors or omissions in providing notice shall not invalidate enforcement of this ordinance or create liability.

~~Public notice will be specified in the winter maintenance policy set forth by the Select Board.~~

Section 4.135326. Violations

A violation of any provisions of this ordinance may be considered a traffic violation and a fine therefor shall be levied in accordance with provisions of Title 23, Chapter 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated as the same is from time to time amended by the Legislature except that, as described below and subject to the terms and conditions of Title 7, Chapter 5, Subchapter 10 of the Richford Town ~~Village~~ Ordinances violations of the provisions of Section 4.06~~section 5321~~ may be prosecuted and disposed of in the Police Court when a person charged thereunder has not been convicted of a violation more than twice before in the same calendar year. **(effective July 10, 1978)** A violation of this ordinance may be considered a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of Title 24. Sections 1974a, 1977 and et seq., Vermont Statutes Annotated. Penalties will be assessed according to the Judicial Bureau Waiver Penalty Schedule in effect at the time of violation." Each day that the violation continues will constitute a separate violation of this ordinance. **(amendment effective Nov.11. 1996))** The removal and storage of any vehicle under this ordinance shall not be a bar to the institution and prosecution of civil proceedings against the owner or operator of such vehicle. A violation of any provision of Section 4.06~~5321~~ of this subchapter shall be declared:

(a) A parking offense and a fine therefor shall be levied in accordance with the provisions of Title 23, Chapter 19, Vermont Statutes Annotated as the same is from time to time amended by the Legislature except that subject to the terms and conditions of Title 7, Chapter 5, Subchapter 10 of the Richford Town Ordinances. Violations of the provisions of this subchapter may be prosecuted and disposed of in the Police Court when a person charged hereunder has not been convicted of a violation of an ordinance which regulates the time, place or manner of parking vehicles more than twice before in the same calendar year.

(b) A public nuisance; and removed, stored and returned according to Section 4.10~~section 5308~~ of this title.

A violation may be subject to either provision (a) or provisions (b) of this section, but not to both. **(amendment effective Nov.14, 2002)**

Section 4.145327. Other Relief

In addition to the enforcement procedures available, the Town of Richford is authorized to commence a civil action to obtain injunctive and other appropriate relief, or to pursue any other remedy authorized by law. **(effective Nov. 14, 2002)**

Section 4.155328. Severability

If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance. **(effective Nov. 14, 2002)**

This ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days after its adoption by the Richford Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

Adopted this 8th day of September 2026. Effective date November 9, 2026.

Selectboard, Chair

Selectboard, Vice Chair

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