

PARKING ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE

1. **AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE:** This ordinance is adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Gouldsboro in accordance with 30-A MRSA Section 3009. The Board of Selectmen find that unrestricted parking of motor vehicles on certain portions of public ways in the Town of Gouldsboro creates a traffic hazard and is dangerous to motorists and pedestrians alike. Unrestricted parking causes traffic congestion, reduces sight distances for motorists, impedes winter maintenance, and causes motorists to drive outside the designated travel lane and into oncoming traffic. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate parking as necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
2. **Definitions:** Words used in this ordinance shall be defined in accordance with 29 MRSA Section 1; any undefined word shall have its common, ordinary meaning.
3. **RESTRICTIONS:** No person shall park a motor vehicle on the following public ways (see list attached as Exhibit A) or portions of public ways, where “No Parking/Tow Away Zone” signs or signs bearing similar language have been erected by the Town of Gouldsboro.
4. **TOWING:** A motor vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance may be towed by a wrecker authorized by the Town of Gouldsboro, at the request of and under the supervision of the town constable or other official duly authorized and appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Towing under this section shall not be allowed unless, at the time of the tow, there is at least 1 sign stating that violators may be towed and indication the telephone number and address of the place at which a towed car can be recovered. Within 5 days of the tow the municipal official who supervised the tow shall send to the registered owner a notice stating the date and time of the tow, the location where the motor vehicle is impounded, and the requirements for release of the motor vehicle.
5. **RELEASE OF TOWED VEHICLE:** Any person seeking release of a motor vehicle towed pursuant to this ordinance must first (a) pay all towing charges and storage charges and (b) present satisfactory evidence of his or her right to possession and sign a receipt for the vehicle.
6. **PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF OPERATION:** No person shall cause, allow or permit a motor vehicle registered in his or her name to park in violation of this ordinance. The fact that a motor 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.

7. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES: This ordinance shall be enforced by the town constable or other official duly appointed and authorized by the Board of Selectmen. A violation of this ordinance is a civil violation punishable by a fine of \$50.00. Any person charged with a violation of this ordinance may waive court action by paying a fee of \$15.00 to the Town Clerk within 30 days of the violation.
8. SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE: In the event that any provision of this ordinance is declared by a court to be unenforceable, the remaining provisions continue in full force and effect. This ordinance shall become effective when adopted by a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

Date adopted: February 28, 2002

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Karl Dyer
James P. King
William H. Hayes

Susan Bagley
J. M. D.

Attest:

Yvonne P. Wilkinson
Yvonne P. Wilkinson
Town Clerk

APPENDIX A

1. No person shall park a motor vehicle on any public way within the Town of Gouldsboro between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. between November 1st and April 1st.
2. No parking on one side of Gouldsboro Point Road where posted; side to be determined by road commissioner.
3. No parking on the north side of Corea Road where posted along the properties owned by Sundaram, Inc. and Prospect Harbor Sands, Inc. as shown on the Town of Gouldsboro Tax Maps as Map: 48, Lot:2; Map:48, Lot:3; and Map:5, Lot:24.
4. No parking on the south side of Corea Road where posted along the properties owned by Sundaram, Inc. as shown on the Town of Gouldsboro Tax Maps as Map:5, Lot:25 and Map: 47, Lot:15 except for a length from the west boundary line of Map:5, Lot:25 to a point of 220 feet in an easterly direction.
5. No parking on the Pond Road in the area of the Gouldsboro Grammar School, contingent upon MDOT measurements (yet to be determined).
6. Pond Road: No parking area to be expanded to include both sides of Pond Road from area of school driveway to school zone sign southeast of school.
7. Jones Pond: Areas designated by signs that read: No Parking, No Parking between Signs, and No Parking Fire Lane.