

**Ordinances
Town of Strafford
County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire**

Adopted 1/23/2013 and/or amended date noted in parenthesis.

12R1. DISTRIBUTION

The Selectmen of the Town of Strafford shall be authorized to renumber and reprint word for word and/or correct any typographic errors in the various parts of the Traffic & Parking Ordinances, Regulation of Public Areas Ordinances, and Ordinances passed by vote of the Legislative Body in order to provide for ease of understanding and increased availability to the citizens.

TRAFFIC/MOTOR VEHICLES

87R1. SPEED LIMITS: Pursuant to RSA 265:63, the following speed limits will be established for the locations noted (**effective July 21, 1987 unless otherwise noted**):

- a. Whig Hill Road, 30 MPH from Route 202A (*Drakes Hill Road*) intersection to Barberry Lane
- b. Canaan Road, 30 MPH from intersection of Route 202A (*Drakes Hill Road*) to Barrington line
- c. Water Street, 25 MPH from intersection of Province Road (near the Bow Lake Grange) to the end of the Town maintained portion on Browns Pasture Road (**amendment effective 06/15/1993**)
- d. Wild Goose Pond Road, 30 MPH from the intersection with Old Province Road (Province Road) to Northwood line
- e. Cross Road (*Scribner Road*), 30 MPH from intersection with Route 126 (*Parker Mountain Road*)
- f. Old Bow Lake Road (*Huckins Road*), 30 MPH from the intersection with Route 126 (*Parker Mountain Road*)
- g. First Crown Point Road, 30 MPH from intersection with Route 202A (*Strafford Road*) to intersection with Crown Point Road
- h. Sloper Road, 30 MPH from intersection with Route 202A (*Strafford Road*) to Barrington Town Line (**effective 08/20/1991**)
- i. Province Road, 30 MPH from intersection with Northwood Road (aka Bow Lake Road) to the Barnstead Town Line (**effective 08/20/1991**)
- j. Tasker Hill Road, 30 MPH from intersection with Water Street to Northwood Town line (**effective 08/20/1991**)
- k. Second Crown Point Road, 30 MPH from intersection with Route 202A (*Strafford Road*) to end of Town maintained portion (**effective 07/02/1991**)

- l. Province Road, 30 MPH from the intersection with Route 202A (*Rollercoaster Road*) to the Barrington Town Line (effective 05/03/1994)
- m. Ricky Nelson Road (aka Dump Road) (*Ricky Nelson Road and Range Road*), 30 MPH from the intersection with Province Road to the Barrington Town Line (effective 05/03/1994)
- n. *Perry Road* (a.k.a. Lovejoy Road), 25 MPH from the intersection with Route 126 (*Parker Mountain Road*) to the intersection with *Wingate Road*. (effective 01/22/13)

Any violations of the above will be subject to fine, pursuant to RSA 265:60, RSA 265:30 and RSA 265:31.

87R2. STOP SIGNS: Pursuant to RSA 265:31, stop signs shall be erected at the following locations (effective July 21, 1987 unless otherwise noted):

- a. Stop Sign on Whig Hill Road at intersection with Route 202A (*Drakes Hill Road*)
- b. Stop Sign on Tasker Hill Road at intersection with Water Street
- c. Stop Sign on Old Ridge Road at intersection with Province Road
- d. Stop Sign on Webber Road (JoAlCo Road) at intersection with Province Road**
- e. Stop Sign on Province Road at intersection with Northwood Road (coming from the dirt portion)**
- f. Stop Sign on Range Road (Ricky Nelson Road) at intersection with Province Road**
- g. Stop Sign on Beaver Dam Road (*Beaver Road*) at intersection with Route 202A (*Rollercoaster Road*)
- h. Stop Sign on Cross Road at intersection with Second Crown Point Road
- i. Stop Sign on Cross Road at intersection with Second Crown Point Road headed east from dirt section**
- j. Stop Sign on Cross Road at First Crown Point Road
- k. Stop Sign on Willey Pond Road (Camp Foss Road) at intersection with Wagner Road (*Parsons Hill Road*)
- l. Stop Sign on Wagner Road (*Parsons Hill Road*) at intersection with Evans Mountain Road
- m. Stop Sign on Wingate Road and on New Rochester Road (*Leightons Corner Road*) at intersection known as Leighton's Corner**
- n. Stop Sign on First Crown Point Road at intersection with Crown Point Road
- o. Stop Sign on Lorraines Lane at intersection with Route 202A (*Strafford Road*)
- p. Stop Sign on Cross Road (*Scribner Road*) at intersection with Route 126 (*Parker Mountain Road*).
- q. Stop Sign on Old Bow Lake Road (*Huckins Road*) at intersection with Route 126 (*Parker Mountain Road*)

- r. Stop Sign on Pond Hill Road at intersection with Route 202A (***Strafford Road***)
- s. Stop Sign on Berry Road (continuation of Second Crown Point Road) at intersection with Route 202A (***Strafford Road***)
- t. Stop Sign on Sunny Oaks Terrace at northwesterly intersection with Whig Hill Road. (7/11/2023)
- u. Stop Sign on Ledgewood Drive at intersection with Whig Hill Road. (7/11/2023)
- v. Stop Sign on Canaan Road at intersection with Route 202A (Drakes Hill Road) (4/30/2024)

Any violation of the above will be subject to fine, pursuant to RSA 265:60, RSA 265:30 and RSA 265:31.

86R1. SEASONAL WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON TOWN HIGHWAYS
(Effective 04/23/1986)

- a. The Selectmen and Road Agent, or either of them, are authorized to impose temporary vehicle weight restrictions upon users of any Town highway during such periods as, in their judgment, freezing and thawing have rendered the highway susceptible to unreasonable damage if used by heavy vehicles.
- b. Such weight restrictions shall be imposed by the posting of legible signs, at points of access to the highway from other public ways, which bear the legend "Weight Limit _____ Tons".
- c. Any person who shall drive or cause to be driven on a highway so posted, a vehicle in excess of the posted weight limit, shall be fined \$100.00 for the first offense and \$250.00 for a subsequent offense within a calendar year.
- d. Town or other government vehicles being used for official business, and emergency vehicles responding to an emergency, shall be exempted from posted seasonal weight restrictions.
- e. At the request of a person whose property is accessible only by a Town highway with posted seasonal weight restrictions, the Selectmen or Road Agent **may**, in their discretion, grant an exception from such restrictions, if such a person has an immediate and urgent need for a specific and essential service which cannot reasonably be provided except as by a vehicle in excess of the posted weight.

2007R1. REGULATION OF OFF HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
(Effective March 20, 2007)

1. AUTHORITY

This regulation is adopted by the Town of Strafford Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 52:1, RSA 41:11 and RSA 47:17.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this regulation is to:

- a. Prevent environmental damage to Town roads and property.
- b. Protect the quiet and safe enjoyment of both private and public property by all who visit or live in the Town.
- c. To restrict all Off Highway Recreational Vehicle events or contests.
- d. To restrict Off Highway Recreational Vehicle operation during “mud” season.
- e. Provide an ordinance that can be enforced by local police officials.

3. REGULATION

- a. To restrict an Off Highway Recreational Vehicle operation on land not owned or leased by such persons during “mud” season. (From the end of consistent snow cover until May 31.)
- b. To restrict all Off Highway Recreational Vehicle events or contests, organized or not, without written permission of the land owner.
- c. No Off Highway Recreational Vehicles are allowed on any Class V Roads, except as authorized under RSA 215-A:6,X.
- d. No all terrain vehicles or trail bikes are allowed on any Town or School District property, including but not limited to beaches, parking lots, landscaped lots and the scenic vista.

4. ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance is enforceable by any legally appointed law enforcement officer.

5. PENALTY

Any person who violates this regulation shall be deemed to have violated an Ordinance of the Town of Strafford and may be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation as permitted by RSA 47:17.

In addition to any other penalty imposed, the operator or owner or both of any OHRV shall be responsible and held accountable to the owner of any lands for any damage incurred as permitted by RSA 215-A:19

2007R2. REGULATION OF PUBLIC USE OF LITTLE NIAGARA CLASS A TRAIL (Effective May 1, 2007)

1. Authority

This regulation is adopted by the Town of Strafford Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 231-A:4.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this regulation is to:

- a. Prevent environmental damage to Town roads and property.
- b. Protect the quiet and safe enjoyment of both private and public property by all who visit or live in the Town.
- c. To restrict Little Niagara Road class A Trail to pedestrian travel only.
- d. Provide an ordinance that can be enforced by local police officials.

3. Regulation

The Little Niagara Road Class A Trail is restricted to pedestrian travel only year-round.

4. Enforcement

This ordinance is enforceable by any legally appointed law enforcement officer.

5. Penalty

Any person who violates this regulation shall be deemed to have violated an Ordinance of the Town of Strafford and may be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 for each violation. In addition to any other penalty imposed, any violator shall be responsible and held accountable to the owner of any lands for any damage incurred.

6. This regulation is effective and executed on the 1st day of May, 2007.

PARKING

87R3. PARKING REGULATIONS: Pursuant to RSA 265:69, the following parking regulations will be established for the locations noted:

- a. No parking on Water Street beginning from the intersection with Province Road to **David Whitcher's (84 Water Street)**
- b. No parking on Province Road in the area of the Dam where posted
- c. No parking in the Bow Lake Grange parking lot after 10:00 P.M. closing until Sunrise, except by permission of the Board of Selectmen
(effective 07/02/1991)
- d. No parking within the Fire Lane surrounding the Strafford School
(effective 07/02/1991)
- e. No parking at the Fire Stations except for emergency responders and other qualified emergency vehicles, and no parking along the road by a Fire Station so as to impede the movement of emergency vehicles. **(effective 01/22/13)**

Any violations of the above will be subject to a ***fine of \$25.00*** per violation and subject to towing, pursuant to RSA 265:69 and RSA 265:70.

87R4. WINTER PARKING: Pursuant to RSA 265:70, the following parking regulation will be established:

- a. There will be no parking on all town roads so as to impede snow removal.

Any violations of the above will be subject to a ***fine of \$25.00*** per violation and subject to towing, pursuant to RSA 265:69 and RSA 265:70.

87R5. SNOW OBSTRUCTION: Pursuant to RSA 249:23, the following snow obstruction regulations will be established:

- a. Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any town maintained road for any purpose, except to provide a place necessary for crossing, recrossing and traveling upon said roads by sleds, logging or farm equipment, shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person.
- b. It shall be illegal to push snow across any public roadway. **(effective 01/22/13)**

Any violation of the above will be subject to a fine up to \$100.00, pursuant to RSA 249:23.

REGULATION OF PUBLIC AREAS

69R1. AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF THE TOWN BEACHES AND RECREATIONAL AREAS WITHIN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD

(Recorded July 5, 1969)

1. Subject to such regulations as have been lawfully imposed thereon by the State of New Hampshire, regulating the use of Bow Lake and the Dam area in the Town of Strafford, the use thereon by the Public shall be subject to this ordinance.
2. No person shall throw or deposit upon the beaches or areas any material of wood, glass, paper, metal or other refuse. (\$50.00 fine) **(RSA 163-B:3)**
3. No person shall disrobe for the purpose of bathing or otherwise, at the beach in a place or manner exposing himself or herself to the public view.
4. No person shall build a fire on any beach or unauthorized recreational area without first obtaining permission to do so from the Fire Chief or some authorized person, and having been so authorized, shall not leave the fire unextinguished upon leaving the beach or area.
5. No person shall participate in any obscene or abusive behavior on any beach or recreational area which shall interfere with the use and enjoyment thereof by the public.
6. The Selectmen of the Town shall have the authority to close to the public any beach or area if and when there is occasion for their doing so in furtherance of public health, safety or the protection of the beach or area so closed by them.
7. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not more than *twenty-five dollars* **(\$25.00)** for each violation, thereof.
8. This ordinance shall become effective by the unanimous approval of the Selectmen of the Town of Strafford (7/5/1969), until such time as it can be adopted by the Legal Voters of the Town. (Note: this ordinance in its entirety was never presented to the legislative body.)

87B1. CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES **(Effective and executed on July 21, 1987)**

Be it hereby regulated by the Strafford Board of Selectmen:

- a. No person shall consume or possess in an open can, bottle or other container any alcoholic liquor or beverage as defined by Chapter 175 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, while upon or in a motor vehicle upon any way, as defined by Chapter 259:125 (I), (II) of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, or any public sidewalk, municipal parking lot or municipal property, with the limits of the Town of Strafford.
- b. No person shall consume or possess in an open can, bottle or other container any alcoholic liquor or beverage as defined by Chapter 175 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, while upon any school property, public areas, parking lots open to the public or within any municipal building without written consent of the official who has authority and control over said property, with the limits of the Town of Strafford.
- c. No person shall consume or possess in an open can, bottle or other container any alcoholic liquor or beverage as defined by Chapter 175 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, while upon any property other than his own, without oral or written consent of the owner or person who has the authority and control over said property, within the limits of the Town of Strafford.
- d. Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and, if charged and found guilty of violating these provisions shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

91R1. LOITERING:

- a. There shall be no swimming or loitering in the area of the Town Beach, Bow Lake Dam or Bow Lake Grange parking lot after the 10:00 P.M. closing until Sunrise, except by permission of the Board of Selectmen.

Any violation of the above shall be subject to a fine up to \$100.00 per violation, pursuant to RSA 644:6.

94R1. MISUSE OF POWER: (Noise) (Effective 05/03/1994)

No person shall operate any motor vehicle within the Town of Strafford so as to make excessive noise by any of the following means:

- a. Misuse of power, acceleration or traction so as to spin the wheels, in the manner commonly known as “laying rubber”.

- b. Misuse of brake and stopping power in the deceleration of a motor vehicle where no emergency exists.
- c. Misuse of power, acceleration or traction by means of rapid upshift of transmission gears.
- d. Misuse of stopping or deceleration by means of rapid downshift of transmission gears.
- e. Racing of engine by means of the accelerator, carburetor, gear selector, with when motor vehicle is in motion or stationary.

Penalty: Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation as provided by the Revised Statutes Annotated of the State of New Hampshire and shall be fined no less than ***\$50.00 Dollars*** for each offense.

TOWN OF STRAFFORD SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE
Effective 05/01/90 (updated 01/22/13) (updated 7/9/2024)

90 I PURPOSE

The purpose of the ordinance is to establish rules for the operation of the Strafford Recycling Center, located on Ricky Nelson Road in Strafford.

90 II EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this ordinance shall be May 1, 1990. This ordinance replaces Strafford Recycling Center Dump Ordinances D1-86 through D7-86.

90 III HOURS AND ADMISSION (7/9/2024)

The Recycling Center will be open for use by (a) Strafford residents, (b) Strafford renters, (c) non-resident property owners of Strafford; during the following periods and under the conditions stated below:

A. Hours of operation: Hours subject to change; please consult Center personnel.

B. Admission to the area will be by special permit. This permit is in the form of a sticker which will be affixed to the lower left corner of the windshield of the permit holder's vehicle. Stickers are available to qualified users from Transfer Station/Recycling Center personnel. Non-compliance with regulations may result in revocation of permission to use the facility. (7/9/2024)

90 IV SEPARATION

Prior to bringing any materials to the Center, all products will be separated as indicated below. For those materials which require a disposal fee, the disposal fee must be paid to the Center operator at time of disposal. Materials will be placed in the containers or areas provided, as indicated by the center operators.

A. The Strafford Transfer Station and Recycling Center permits the dumping of mixed municipal solid waste and select recyclable materials in accordance with the State of NH regulations. Please contact Center personnel for details. All other materials are prohibited.

B. Tires shall be placed on pallets provided. Rims shall have been removed. See Fee Schedule (Section V) for disposal costs.

C. "White Metal" Appliances (dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, freezers) shall be placed in the space assigned. The doors of refrigerators and freezers shall have been removed prior to acceptance by the Center operators. For any other appliance, the door to which cannot be opened from inside (front-loading washing machines and all dishwashers) the door shall have been removed or latching mechanism broken prior to disposal. See Fee Schedule (Section V) for disposal cost.

D. Other metals shall be placed in the area provided. This category includes a wide variety of metal products, such as metal strapping, law and garden tools and appliances, sheet metal, piping and metal containers.

E. Furniture and mattresses shall be placed as directed by the Center operator. Since these items are becoming an increasing disposal problem, strict control over these items may be expected.

F. Hazardous Waste (household cleaners, oil based paints and paint products, metal, polish, photo supplies, acids, furniture strippers, etc.) shall be held for the annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day, usually conducted each Spring. Notices and instructions are distributed separately.

G. Asbestos and construction materials shall be taken to the Turnkey Landfill under special Town arrangements with Waste Management, Inc. of Rochester. In-Town disposal is not permitted.

90 V FEES

Fees for the acceptance of certain items for recycling, including tires, furniture, electronics, and white metal/appliances, are subject to change; please consult Center personnel. Prior to acceptance of the above materials at the Center, the proper fee shall have been paid to a Recycling Center operator during regular hours of operation.

90 VI COSTS TO STRAFFORD

Strafford is experiencing rapidly increasing costs of the Center operation. Each ton of material hauled by a commercial operator has 2 charges to the Town, hauling, and tipping or separation fees. Strafford no longer operates a landfill, so careful disposal practices are compulsory. We receive a small return on the materials which we place in the recycling containers, so all Center users are encouraged to make greatest use of the recycling bins. The small fee collected for white metal appliances and tires is only a fraction of the cost to the Town for removal of these materials. Cooperation on the part of all Center users helps to reduce total costs of Center operation.

90 VII REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE AND ABUSE OF AREA

- A. State Law requires that no one shall use the area unless an attendant is present. The gate shall be kept locked at all times when the area is unattended.
- B. Any person apprehended inside the area when it is deemed closed shall be charged with criminal trespass, a misdemeanor, carrying a fine of up to \$1,000. and one year in the State House of Correction (RSA 635:2).
- C. Any person vandalizing the area shall be charged with criminal mischief and fined up to \$1,000. and one year in the State House of Correction (RSA 634:2).
- D. Any person leaving trash outside the gate or depositing along roads within the township shall be fined at a rate established by State Law—currently \$1,000 and one year in the House of Correction (RSA 147:21, 163:B4, 163:B6).
- E. Attendants are empowered to refuse the dumping of any waste which they feel is a violation of State Laws or Town Regulations.
- F. If sticker is not permanently affixed to vehicle, the owner is subject to a \$20.00 fine for the first offense and \$50.00 for each additional offense (RSA 31:39).
- G. Any person leaving prohibited or unacceptable materials at the Center will be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000. All material not generated in Strafford is also considered prohibited and unacceptable (RSA 31:39, 149:M).
- H. Unauthorized use of the Recycling Center is subject to a fine of up to \$1000. Any use of the Facility for deposit of trash not generated within Strafford is considered unauthorized. Violators shall be fined up to \$1,000. as provided in RSA 31:39 and RSA 149:M.
- I. Transfer of dump stickers to unauthorized persons or misuse of the sticker is subject to a fine of \$1,000.

90 VIII AMENDMENTS

The Board of Selectmen may make amendments to this Ordinance as deemed necessary. Such amendments shall be in effect following a public hearing and affirmative vote by the Selectmen.

90 IX SEVERABILITY

Should any part of these regulations be found to be invalid by the judicial system or changed by statute, said changes shall not affect the remaining regulations which shall continue in effect.

VENDORS, HAWKERS, PEDDLERS and SOLICITORS (effective 7/9/2024)

To regulate Vendors, Hawkers, Peddlers, Solicitors, and other itinerant Vendors, Door-to-Door and Canvassing.

A. No person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, whether maintaining permanent location in the Town of Strafford or not, may sell, barter, purchase, or otherwise carry on commerce in goods or services within the Town of Strafford, or attempt to do so, through door-to-door solicitations, or on the streets, sidewalks, or other property of the Town without first applying for and receiving a permit to do so from the Town of Strafford.

B. All permits for solicitation/peddling/vending as listed above shall be obtained only through the Strafford Police Department. Permits may be obtained by reporting in person to the Police Department located at 34 Roller Coaster Road in Strafford, NH.

C. All vendors/solicitors shall have a valid permit to do so issued by the Strafford Police Department as outlined above. **Hours of operation allowed 9:00 AM t 6:00 PM, NO SUNDAYS.** Failure to obtain a permit prior to actively soliciting/peddling/vending will result in a \$50.00 (fifty dollar) fine for the first offense and \$100.00 (one hundred dollar) fine for the second offense.

TOWN MEETING ORDINANCES

NOISE ORDINANCE: (Effective 03/11/1997)

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, play or permit the operation or playing of any radio, television, stereo, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier, or similar device which produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and

7:00 a.m. in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance across a real property line or produce sound audible to the unassisted ear across a real property boundary.

Penalty: Upon an apparent violation of this ordinance, the enforcing Officer shall give a verbal order to cease or abate the noise immediately or within a specified period of time. If the order is not complied with, the person or persons responsible for the noise shall be subject to a violation, with a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each such violation. Written record of all violations shall be kept by the Police Department.

Article 20. (Effective 03/07/1972)

That the Town prohibit the erection and/or maintenance of fences, No-Trespassing signs and other barricades on State/Town property along the Lake side of Water Street between the Dam and the **Peixhote** (*Tax Map 31, Lot 24, across from 6 Fire Road 9*) property.