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**TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP, MAINE
PARKING ORDINANCE**

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Section 1. Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities under the laws of the State of Maine, including 30-A M.R.S. §3009, for the purpose of promoting public safety, ensuring access for emergency vehicles, facilitating snow removal and road maintenance, and regulating parking on public ways and municipal property.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to:

A. Protect public safety and welfare;

B. Maintain safe and efficient travel on Town roads and public ways;

C. Ensure access for emergency vehicles and equipment;

D. Facilitate snow removal and road maintenance operations;

E. Protect public access to Town facilities; and

F. Preserve and maintain the efficient operation of the Town's working waterfront facilities.

Section 3. General Parking Restrictions

No person shall park a vehicle:

A. In a manner that obstructs the normal flow of traffic;

B. Or in a manner that blocks or impedes access to a driveway, entrance, exit, loading area, public landing, or municipal facility;

C. Or in a manner that interferes with emergency vehicles or emergency operations;

D. Or upon any sidewalk or pedestrian way;

E. Or in any area designated as a No Parking Zone by the Town and properly marked by signs;

F. Or in any location where parking creates a hazard to public safety.

Section 4. Winter Parking Ban

No vehicle shall be parked within the maintained limits of any Town road or public way from November 15 through April 15.

Section 5. Municipal Property

Parking on municipal property shall be limited to designated parking areas.

No overnight parking shall be permitted on Town-owned property without authorization from the Select Board or its designee.

No person shall occupy, reside, sleep, camp, or otherwise use any motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, camper, trailer, or other vehicle as living quarters while parked in any Town-owned parking lot or other Town owned property between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless specifically authorized in writing by the Select Board or its designee.

The Select Board may establish additional parking regulations for municipal properties, including but not limited to:

- Town Wharf
- Town Landing
- Town Office
- Transfer Station
- Municipal parking lots
- Other Town-owned facilities

Section 6. No Parking Zones

The Select Board may establish No Parking Zones on Town roads and municipal property to protect public safety, maintain access, or facilitate municipal operations.

Such zones shall become effective upon the placement of appropriate signs.

Section 7. Harbor Cemetery

Parking at the Harbor Cemetery parking lot shall be limited to designated parking area.

No vehicle may be parked more than 72 consecutive hours in the Harbor Cemetery Parking lot without authorization from the Select Board or its designee.

Notwithstanding the above, no overnight occupancy is permitted in the Harbor Cemetery Parking lot consistent with Section 5 of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Town Wharf and Landing Operations

The Town Wharf, Town Landing, and associated municipal waterfront facilities are maintained primarily to support commercial fishing, marine transportation, vessel access,

loading and unloading activities, emergency response operations, and public access to navigable waters, in Friendship.

A. No vehicle, trailer, equipment, or other personal property shall be parked, stored, or left unattended in a manner that interferes with commercial fishing operations, vessel access, loading or unloading activities, emergency response operations, or the safe and efficient use of the facility.

B. Commercial fishing operations, vessel loading and unloading, bait deliveries, fuel deliveries, marine service activities, and emergency access shall take priority over vehicle parking at all times.

C. Upon request of the Harbormaster, Code Enforcement Officer, Road Commissioner, Fire Chief, Select Board, law enforcement officer, or other authorized Town representative, the owner or operator of a vehicle, trailer, or equipment shall immediately move such vehicle, trailer, or equipment when necessary to maintain access, safety, or efficient operation of the facility.

D. Any vehicle, trailer, or equipment that interferes with the activities described above may be removed or towed at the owner's expense without prior notice when necessary to protect public safety or maintain operations at the facility.

E. The Select Board may establish designated parking areas, time limits, loading zones, and other operational rules for the Town Wharf and Landing by posting signs or adopting written policies.

F. No boat trailer shall be parked or stored at the Town Wharf, Town Landing, or associated municipal waterfront facilities for more than 24 hours unless specifically authorized by the Select Board, Harbormaster, or their designee.

G. Except as otherwise authorized by the Harbormaster, Board of Selectmen, or other designated municipal official, no person shall leave a vessel, vehicle, trailer, or other equipment tied to, moored at, or occupying any public landing, wharf, float, or loading area owned or maintained by the Town for longer than 30 consecutive minutes.

Section 9. Vehicle Removal and Towing

Any vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance may be removed or towed at the owner's expense when the vehicle:

- A. Creates a safety hazard;
- B. Obstructs traffic;
- C. Interferes with snow removal or road maintenance;

D. Blocks emergency access;

E. Is parked in a posted No Parking Zone; or

F. Is otherwise in violation of this Ordinance.

The Town shall not be responsible for any damage resulting from lawful towing or removal and any fees incurred.

Section 10. Enforcement

This Ordinance may be enforced by:

- The Code Enforcement Officer;
- The Harbormaster;
- The Fire Chief
- The Road Commissioner
- The Knox County Sheriff's Office;
- Any law enforcement officer authorized by law; or
- Any Town official so designated by the Select Board.

Section 11. Violations and Penalties

Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

First Violation: \$50

Second Violation within 12 months: \$75

Third and Subsequent Violations within 12 months: \$125

In addition to any fine imposed, the vehicle owner shall be responsible for all towing, storage, and recovery costs.

Section 12. Severability

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 13. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the Board of Selectmen.