

CHAPTER 7
PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The Town of Bethel repeals the previous ordinance with the same chapter entitled “Trees and Vegetation” adopted March 1, 1988 and replaces it with this Chapter 7 entitled “Parking Restrictions”.

The Town of Bethel does hereby ordain:

Sec. 7-1. No-Parking Areas.

The Council hereby establishes the following no-parking areas within the Town limits:

- (a) East and West sides of **Moore Street** from Main Street to end;
- (b) East and West sides of **Shady Lane** from Pine Street to Main Street;
- (c) North and South sides of **Lewis Street** from Shady Lane to Vine Street;
- (d) East and West sides of **South Street** from the corner of Main Street to the Town Wharf;
- (e) East and West sides of **Main Street** from First Street to the North end of the Bethel Bridge, except as otherwise provided in Section 7-2; and
- (f) There shall be no parking within **25** feet of any street corner.

Sec. 7-2. Limited Exception to No-Parking Area.

Parking is permitted on the West side of **Main Street** from First Street to the North end of the Bethel Bridge during only (a) regular worship services at the Sailor's Bethel Church, or (b) special services (such as weddings and funerals) or other functions held in said Church.

Sec. 7-3. Signage.

The Town shall cause to be posted "no parking" signs that comply with all applicable State laws at the locations specified in Sections 7-1(a)-(e).

Sec. 7-4. Violations; Fines.

- (a) Evidence of the illegal parking of a vehicle under this Chapter may be furnished by, among other things, the oral or written statement to a Council member or the Alderman (if any) by a Town resident who witnesses the illegally parked vehicle, or a written complaint on a form provided by the Town Clerk and filed at the Town office, or a photograph of such vehicle taken by a Town resident.
- (b) The fact that a vehicle is illegally parked and is registered in the name of a person shall be *prima facie* proof that such person was in control of the vehicle when it was illegally parked.
- (c) Any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall, upon Council's or Alderman's (if any) confirmation of such violation following a hearing

held with 10 days' notice to such person, pay a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00, and shall pay the costs of prosecution.

- (d) A person charged with a violation of any provision of this Chapter may waive a hearing and pay a fine of \$25.00 to the Town if paid within 10 days of the violation, or a fine of \$50.00 if paid more than 10 days after the violation.

Sec. 7-5. Discretionary Lifting of Parking Restrictions.

The Council may, in its discretion, temporarily lift or waive the parking restrictions set forth in Section 7-1 for any Town event or function.