


TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CASTINE, MAINE



Enacted by the Board of Selectmen the 6th day of SEPTEMBER 2011


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ATTEST: THIS IS A TRUE DOCUMENT.

DATE: APRIL 16, 2024

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AFFIX SEAL

ARTICLE 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Castine, Maine" and shall be referred to herein as the "Ordinance."

1.2 REPEAL OF OTHER ORDINANCES

The "Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Castine, Maine" originally adopted on August 18, 2009, is hereby repealed.

1.3 AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is adopted by the Castine Selectboard pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Maine, Article VIII-A, and Title 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3009, as amended.

1.4 PURPOSES

- To promote public safety, facilitate traffic flow and control speed on the travel ways and streets in the Town of Castine.
- This Ordinance does not exempt any person from compliance with all other applicable laws and regulations.

1.5 SEVERABILITY.

In the event that any section, subsection or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, that declaration shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other section, subsection or provision of this Ordinance. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

1.6 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of interpreting this ordinance, the following terms and their derivations shall have meanings as follows:

- **NORTH:** The direction along Main Street toward Battle Avenue and the direction along Routes 166 and 166A toward the Castine/Penobscot town line.
- **SOUTH:** The direction along Main Street toward Water Street and the direction along Routes 166 and 166A toward the village area of Castine.
- **EAST:** The direction along Court Street toward Spring Street.
- **WEST:** The direction along Court Street toward Tarratine Street.
 - Within the village area of Castine, streets approximately parallel to Main Street are north-south streets and streets approximately parallel to Court Street are east-west streets. In the rural area of Castine, streets intersecting Route 166 and Route 166A are east-west streets.
- **OVERNIGHT PARKING:** Parking for any period of time between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 am.

- **SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTION (WINTER SNOWPLOWING SEASON):** No parking on any Town street in effect during snow and cleanup events and to be notified via Push Notifications; posted on the Town’s website and FaceBook page (NOTE: effective for one-year as a trial basis) [amended-04/16/2024]
- **WEEKDAY:** Any day except Saturday, Sunday, and Town holidays.

ARTICLE 2: PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Any illegally parked vehicle shall be ticketed and may be towed at the discretion of the town. Parking restrictions are both street specific and town wide as follows:

2.1 BATTLE AVENUE

- No parking anytime in the travel lanes (inside the white edge lines) between Main Street and State Street.
- No parking, 8 am – 4 pm weekdays, on north side of street between Wadsworth Cove Road and Tarratine Street.
- No parking, 8 am – 4 pm weekdays, on south side of street between Tarratine Street and Main Street.
- No parking on the north side between Wadsworth Cove Road and 40 feet east of the Main Street intersection, as posted.
- No parking on north side from November 1 to April 30.

2.2 COURT STREET

- No parking, 8 am – 4 pm weekdays, on south side of street between Main Street and Green Street except for the posted fifteen (15) minute parking zone at Emerson Hall.
- No parking anytime on south side of street between the Castine Fire Department driveway and Main Street.
- No overnight parking on the north side of Court Street from Pleasant Street to Dresser Lane.

2.3 DRESSER LANE

2.4 DYER LANE

- No parking anytime on east side of street, as posted.

2.5 FORT GEORGE

- Four (4) hour parking, 8 am – 4 pm weekdays.
- No overnight parking.
- No parking in driveway.
- No parking on grass.
- No parking at any time (facility closed) from November 1 to April 30 or as ordered by the Selectboard.

2.6 FORT MADISON

- No overnight parking.
- No parking on grass.
- No parking at any time (facility closed) from November 1 to April 30 or as ordered by the Selectboard.

2.7 GREEN STREET

- No parking at any time on east side of street, as posted.

2.8 LATOUR STREET

2.9 MADOCKAWANDO ROAD

2.10 MAIN STREET

- Parking allowed, 8 am – 4 pm weekdays, on west side of street between Battle Avenue and Stevens Street, as posted.
- Except where posted or marked, no overnight parking on west side of street between Battle Avenue and Court Street.
- Two (2) hour parking, 8am-4pm weekdays, on east side of street from Court Street to the Church, as posted.
- No parking on east side of street between the Church and Battle Avenue.
- No parking, 6 am – 8 am and 4 pm – 5 pm, in the Post Office loading zone any day the Post Office is open, as posted.
- Fifteen (15) minute Post Office patron parking when the Post Office is open, one (1) space above at the mid-block crosswalk, both sides of the street and (2) spaces below on the east side of the street and (1) space below on the west side of the street. [Amended-11/06/2023]
- Fifteen (15) minute parking, 8 am – 4 pm weekdays, in the first two spaces on west side of street north of Water Street, as posted.
- Two (2) hour parking from 6am to 4pm, on the east side of street, between Water Street and second alley up the hill (DeRaaf/Politano), and west side of street, between Perkins Street and 15-minute spaces, as posted. (No exemptions)
- Overnight parking allowed with a visible INN permit. [amended-04/16/2024]

2.11 MILL LANE

2.12 PERKINS STREET

- No parking anytime on south side of street from Pleasant Street to Main Street, as posted.
- No parking anytime on north side of street from Pleasant Street to Tarratine Street. [amended-04/16/2024]

2.13 PLEASANT STREET

- No parking anytime on east and west sides of street between Perkins Street and Water Street, as posted.
- No parking anytime on west side of street at MMA driveways and crosswalks as posted and/or marked.
- No parking, 8 am – 4 pm weekdays, on east side of street between Court Street and Battle Avenue, as posted.

2.14 SCHOOL STREET

- No parking anytime on Town Common side of street, as posted.
- No parking during school hours in front of 13 and 17 School Street, as posted.

2.15 SEA STREET

2.16 STATE STREET

- No parking anytime on east and west sides of street, as posted.

2.17 STEVENS STREET

- No parking anytime on north and south sides of street, as posted.

2.18 TARRATINE STREET

- Two (2) hour parking, 8 am – 4 pm weekdays, on east and west sides of street between Court Street and Battle Avenue, except for no parking area on west side across from MMA driveway, as posted.

2.19 TOWN DOCK

- Four (4) hour parking 6 am – 12 Midnight, other than one-hour spaces.
- Thirty (30) minute parking in loading zone spaces.
- No parking anytime in the pump station driveway.
- No parking anytime on or blocking the public boat launch ramp.
- Parking any trailer is prohibited from June 15 to September 15. A boat trailer attached to a vehicle may park for up to one (1) hour while launching or retrieving a boat.
- Year-round one-hour spaces are located on the south and east edge of the Town Dock parking lot, or as posted.
- Up to four (4) spaces will be designated for Mobile Vending Units (MVU) to operate daily from 7AM to 10PM (NOTE: effective for one-year as a trial basis).
[amended-04/16/2024]

2.20 WADSWORTH COVE ROAD

- No parking anytime on east side of street from Battle Avenue to 600 feet north of Battle Avenue, as posted.
- No parking anytime on west side of street between the Fort George driveway and Battle Avenue, as posted.
- No parking on north side of Fort George (on state property), as posted.

- No parking, 8 am – 4 pm weekdays, on west side of street from the Fort George driveway to 600 feet north of Battle Avenue, as posted.
- No overnight parking at Backshore Beach or Backshore Pond parking area, as posted.

20.21 WATER STREET

- No parking anytime on north and south side of street from Pleasant Street to Main Street except for the posted fifteen (15) minute parking zone across from the market.
- Parking on south side of street between Main Street and Green Street is limited to passenger cars and pick-up trucks that do not extend beyond the marked spaces.
- No parking anytime on south side of street from Green Street to #107 Water Street.
- No parking anytime on north side of street from Main Street to Green Street.
- No parking anytime on north side of street from Dyer Lane to 40 feet east of Dyer Lane.
- Fifteen (15) minute parking, 8 am – 4 pm weekdays, in the first two spaces on south side of street east of Main Street, as posted.
- Loading/Unloading Area on North side of the street from Main Street to Green Street, as posted. [amended-04/16/2024]

2.22 PROHIBITED PARKING, TOWN-WIDE AT ALL TIMES

- Corner parking is prohibited within Ten (10) or twenty-five (25) feet, where posted.
- Parking to obstruct a fire hydrant, public sidewalk, crosswalk, driveway or road.
- Parking at a distance greater than twelve (12) inches from face of curb, with five (5) minute grace period at Post Office.
- Double parking on any town street.

2.23 HANDICAP PARKING

- Parking is restricted to vehicles displaying a handicap registration plate or placard issued pursuant to Title 29-A M.R.S.A. § 521 - § 523 or a similar regulation for another state at the following locations when identified by signage with the international symbol for accessibility:
 - Two (2) year-round spaces at the Town Dock, as posted.
 - One (1) space on the south side Water Street at Main Street adjacent to the front entry to #21 Water Street, as posted.
 - One (1) space on Battle Avenue in front of Castine Golf Club, when posted.
 - One (1) space in front of Emerson Hall when posted.

- One (1) space on School Street at the Unitarian Church Parish Hall when posted. [Am#1-06/03/2013]

2.24 SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS

- In order to facilitate snow removal from town streets and to minimize the potential for damage to private owned vehicles, there shall be no overnight (any time during the period between 12 midnight and 6 am) parking on the paved surface or within four (4) feet of the paved surface of any town street or parking lot. Any property owner or tenant may request the Selectboard grant an exemption to the “within four (4) feet” provision of this section for the current snowplowing season. The applicant for this exemption must demonstrate that no alternative parking could exist on the property.

2.25 LONG TERM PARKING

- No vehicle shall park in an otherwise unrestricted parking area on Main Street from Court Street to Water Street and Water Street from Pleasant Street to Green Street, for more than twenty-four (24) hours.
- No vehicle shall park in an otherwise unrestricted parking area on any other town street or town property for more than ninety-six (96) hours.
- The exception to Long Term Parking is for vehicles with a visible INN permit. [amended-04/16/2024]

2.26 TEMPORARY PERMIT PARKING

- A property owner or contractor may apply to the Town Manager for a temporary permit that will allow the contractor to park one (1) vehicle in time restricted areas in the immediate vicinity of the work site for up to nine (9) hours per day while working. The permit shall be valid for up to six (6) months and can be renewed.
- A property owner or contractor may apply to the Town Manager for a temporary permit that will allow the contractor to park one (1) vehicle in a no parking zone in the immediate vicinity of the work site for up to nine (9) hours per day while working. The permit shall be valid for up to thirty (30) days and cannot be renewed.
- A property owner or contractor may apply to the Town Manager for a temporary permit that will allow the contractor to park one (1) trailer or dumpster, or store material in a no parking zone in front of the work site. The permit shall be valid for up to thirty (30) days and cannot be renewed.
- The holder of a commercial fishing license or the crew of a commercial fishing vessel, moored or registered in Castine, may apply to the Town Manager for a temporary permit that will exempt one (1) vehicle from the time limit on the Town Dock while actively engaged in commercial fishing. The permit shall be valid for up to six (6) months and can be renewed.

- The owner of a commercial vessel, moored or registered in Castine, may apply to the Town Manager for a temporary permit that will exempt one (1) vehicle from the time limit on the Town Dock while the vessel is underway. The permit shall be valid for up to six (6) months and can be renewed.

2.27 EXCEPTIONS

- Vehicles displaying a handicap registration plate or placard issued pursuant to Title 29-A M.R.S.A. § 521 or § 523 or a similar regulation in another state may park for twice the posted time limit in time restricted parking spaces.
- The Harbor Master and dock hands are exempt from the time limit on the Town Dock when working.
- When off-street parking is not available, the owner of a residence, which abuts a street with time-limited parking, and their guests are exempt from the time limit when parked on the street directly in front of said residence, except in the Commercial District. Guest parking limited to 72 hours without prior written approval by the Town.
- Commercial delivery vehicles are exempt from the parking restrictions while making deliveries to Castine businesses, residences, or institutions.

2.28 CONSTRUCTION CONTROLS

The Town Manager shall have the authority to restrict parking relative to construction as required.

ARTICLE 3: SPEED LIMITS

All speed limit signs shall be designed and installed in accordance with the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)*.

3.1 The speed limit on all town streets is 25 miles per hour (MPH) unless otherwise posted.

3.2 Specific posted speed limits other than 25 MPH:

- 35 MPH – Wadsworth Cove Road from Route 166 to Backshore Road.
- 20 MPH – Court Street from State Street to Tarratine Street.
- 20 MPH – Water Street.
- 15 MPH – Court Street School Zone

ARTICLE 4: TRAFFIC CONTROL

Traffic control in Castine shall be accomplished with posted signs and painted cross walks. All signs and pavement marking used for traffic control shall be designed and installed in accordance with the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)*.

Traffic control sign and cross walk locations are as follows:

4.1 STOP SIGNS

- Court Street at Tarratine Street.
- Dresser Lane at Perkins Street.
- Dresser Lane at Court Street.
- Green Street at Water Street.
- LaTour Street at Battle Avenue.
- LaTour Street at Perkins Street.
- Madockawando Road at Battle Avenue.
- Madockawando Road at Perkins Street.
- Main Street at Battle Avenue.
- Mill Lane at Route 166A (The Shore Road).
- Perkins Street at Main Street.
- Pleasant Street at Battle Avenue.
- State Street at Court Street.
- State Street at Route 166.
- Stevens Street at Main Street.
- Stevens Street at Pleasant Street.
- Tarratine Street at Battle Avenue.
- Tarratine Street at Perkins Street.
- Wadsworth Cove Road at Route 166 (Castine Road).
- Wadsworth Cove Road at Battle Avenue.
- Water Street eastbound at Main Street.
- Water Street eastbound at Green Street.

4.2 THREE-WAY STOP SIGNS

- Main Street southbound and Court Street eastbound and westbound.
- Pleasant Street southbound and Perkins Street eastbound and westbound.

4.3 FOUR-WAY STOP SIGNS

- Green Street/School Street and Court Street.
- Pleasant Street and Court Street.

4.4 YIELD RIGHT OF WAY SIGNS

- Court Street westbound at Spring Street.
- Dyer Lane at Water Street.
- Dyer Lane at Court Street.
- Perkins Street at Battle Avenue.

4.5 CROSSWALKS

- Across Court Street from the southeast corner of Green Street to the northwest corner of School Street.
- Across Pleasant Street at MMA campus sidewalks.

- Paint the walking path along Pleasant Street, as posted. [amended-04/16/2024]
- Across Water Street on the east side of Main Street.
- Across Water Street at Dyer Lane (Castine Yacht Club - seasonal)
- Across Water Street at Pleasant merging into Water Street (at the curve).
[amended-04/16/2024]
- Across Main Street on the north side of Water Street.
- Across Main Street on the north side of Court Street.
- Across Main Street aligning with Post Office ramp.
- Across Perkins Street at Pleasant Street. [amended-04/16/2024]

4.6 NO THRU TRUCKS

- Green Street.
- Water Street westbound from Dyer Lane to Green Street.

4.7 ONE-WAY STREETS

- School Street is one-way counterclockwise around the Town Common.
- Water Street is one-way eastbound from Main Street to Green Street.
- Perkins Street is one-way westbound from Main Street to Pleasant Street.
[amended-04/16/2024]

4.8 ADVISORY SIGNS

- The placement or removal of Advisory Signs shall not be considered an amendment to the Traffic Ordinance and may be ordered by the Selectboard without holding a public hearing.

4.9 PRIVATE ROADS

- It is the responsibility of the owner of a private road to post traffic control signage where said road intersects a town road. In the absence of signage, it is the implied responsibility of vehicles on the private road to stop before entering the public road.

4.10 SPEED CONTROL

- Physical obstructions used to control vehicle speed, commonly called “speed bumps,” “speed tables,” etc., may not be constructed on any town street without the approval of the Selectboard. The first-time approval for the installation of a speed bump shall be considered an amendment to the ordinance. The replacement of any speed bump that is removed for the winter snow plowing season shall not be considered an amendment to the Traffic Ordinance and may be ordered by the Selectboard without holding a public hearing.
- Speed tables are authorized at the following locations:
 - Three (3) on Wadsworth Cove Road

ARTICLE 5: ENFORCEMENT

5.1 FINES

Violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine as follows:

- Handicap Parking Violation (§2.24) - \$ 200.00 pursuant to Title 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3009.
- All other violations: 1st offense = \$30; 2nd offense = \$60; 3rd offense = \$120. [amended-04/16/2024]
- All fines are payable to the Town of Castine. Any fine not paid within thirty (30) days will be referred to a collection agency and be subject to a \$25.00 service charge in addition to the fine.

5.2 TOWING

- The town may tow any vehicle parked in violation of the Ordinance.
- It shall be the vehicle owner or operator’s responsibility to arrange for the release of the vehicle from impoundment and to pay all fines, towing charges and storage charges.
- The towing company will not release a vehicle from impoundment until all fines (from current and prior violations) have been paid to the town and all towing and storage charges paid to the towing company.
- The town is not responsible or liable for any damage incurred by any illegally parked vehicle during towing or impoundment.

5.3 MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

- The Selectboard delegates authority to each selectperson, each municipal employee and the Hancock County Sheriff to write traffic tickets for parking violations.
- The Selectboard delegates authority to MMA Safety Officers to write traffic tickets for parking violations on the sections of Pleasant Street, Main Street, Stevens Street, Court Street and Battle Avenue abutting the campus.
- The Selectboard delegates authority to Castine Postmaster and his/her designates to write tickets for parking violations in front of the Post Office. [Amended-11/06/2023]
- The recipient of a traffic ticket issued pursuant to this ordinance may seek to have the ticket voided as follows:
 - Submit a complete *Application to Void Traffic Ticket* to the Town Manager within thirty (30) days of the date of the ticket if the recipient believes the ticket was issued in error.
 - Submit a written appeal to the Selectboard if the recipient disagrees with the Town Manager’s decision.