PARKING ORDINANCE

AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

The East Millinocket Selectmen find that unrestricted parking of motor vehicles on certain portions of public ways in East Millinocket creates a hazard to motorists and pedestrians. Unrestricted parking causes motorists to drive outside the designated travel lane and into oncoming traffic. If adopted, the purpose of this ordinance, in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. 3009 which is to regulate parking to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

DEFINITIONS:

Words in this ordinance shall be defined in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. 1013 any undefined word shall have its common meaning.

ENFORCEMENT:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Town’s Police Department and any violation of this ordinance is a civil action punishable by a fine of fifty ($50.00) dollars. Any person charged with such a violation may waive court action by paying a fee of fifteen ($15.00) to the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days of this violation. Repeat offenders will be charged double the fine of fifty ($50.00) for each occurrence.

The East Millinocket Police Department also has the authority to tow a vehicle if the owner has three (3) unpaid parking tickets. The owner shall pay the parking tickets at the Town Office and upon receipt of payment shall be able to retain towed vehicle at owner’s expense to towing company.

SEVERABILITY:

In the event that any portion of this ordinance is declared by the court to be unenforceable. The remaining provisions continue in full force.

Section 1. UNLAWFUL PARKING

A. No person within the limits of East Millinocket, Maine, shall stop, stand or park any motor vehicle or any other item requiring State of Maine registration except when necessary to avoid any conflict with other traffic or in direction of Police Officers or traffic or other traffic in direction of Police Officers or traffic control devices in any of the following places.

1. On sidewalk, crosswalk, bicycle lane,

2. In front of a public or private driveway, including either side as to obstruct the view;

3. Within the ten (10) feet of railroad tracks;

4. No owner or operator or person in charge of any commercial vehicle which has a carrying capacity of more than the registered weight of the vehicle, including the load, is more than eight (8) feed in width, or which, including load is more than twelve (12) feet, six (6) inches in height, shall be permitted to stand upon any public street in the Town for any longer period than two (2) hours, except when loading and unloading.
5. The Municipal Officers may establish freight loading zones and place signs to maintain appropriate stopping, standing and parking.

6. Authority of the Police Chief: The Police Chief is hereby authorized to regulate parking when he or she deems it necessary for the public safety of the Town. This is to include signs and marking of notification within one hundred (100) feet of any fire station.

7. Exceptions: This ordinance does not apply to motor vehicles parked in prohibited areas for the following reasons:
   a. Town Officials conducting official business
   b. Technical problems or breakdowns
   c. 
   d. Emergency situations
   e. Maintenance, construction, repair or installation of utilities of the public way by any State or Municipal Agency or Utility Company.

Adopted May 1, 1991