

September 5, 2024

Public Notice

AMENDMENTS TO PARKING REGULATIONS WINTERTIME RESTRICTIONS FOR SNOW REMOVAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Dover Parking Commission will hold a Public Hearing to seek input on a recommendation from the Department of Community Services to modify the Winter Parking Ordinance. The Public Hearing is open to the public and will be part of the Parking Commission's regular meeting starting at 8:30 AM; Tuesday, September 17, 2024 in the room 305 of the McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street.

Five years ago, the City eliminated its long-standing practice of banning all overnight parking on City Streets for the winter season, which spanned from December 1 to April 1. Instead, they instituted a storm-based approach, where parking bans would only be enacted in response to a weather event.

In transitioning to a storm-based ban approach, there were problems accessing some of the more congested, or narrow streets during non-parking ban hours. There were numerous instances where plowing equipment could not get through streets during the storms or to continue snow cleanup after a storm ended. This created a public safety issue in that emergency vehicles also had limited accessibility.

In an attempt to keep the storm-based parking ban approach as opposed to a complete seasonal ban on all streets, the City Council will be considering limiting parking to only one side of certain four additional City streets from December 1 to April 1. This restriction will be 24 hours a day during the noted the months. You are being notified since your street is being recommended for this change. Numerous other city streets have had a similar restriction instituted for years.

Please understand the recommendations are intended to maintain the storm-based ban approach that helps maximize parking availability, while also balancing the critical need to maintain full access to all streets and neighborhoods.

If approved by the Parking Commission, the recommendation will be sent to the Dover City Council for an additional public hearing and vote; currently scheduled for October 9, 2024 at Dover City Hall. Any changes to the schedule may be found at www.dover.nh.gov.

If you wish to have your comments provided to the Commission and are unable to attend, you may forward an e-mail to parking@dover.nh.gov and it will be included in supporting materials to both the Parking Commission and City Council.

Should you have any questions about the parking amendments, please contact Parking Manager Bill Simons at (603) 516-6132 or by e-mail at parking@dover.nh.gov

Sincerely,

John B. Storer,
Director of Community Services, City of Dover

Streets recommended for addition to the one-sided seasonal parking restriction.

Adelle Drive, southerly side from the traffic circle, easterly to the end of the road, including the turnaround area.

Sylvan Drive, northerly side from the traffic circle easterly to the end of the road, including the turnaround area.

Grove Street, easterly side (odd numbered) from the intersection with Sixth Street, northerly to the intersection with Hough Street.

Grove Street, westerly side (even numbered) from the intersection with Hough Street, northerly to the intersection with Ash Street.

Maple Street, easterly side (odd numbered) from the intersection with Sixth Street, northerly to the intersection with Ash Street.