

Traffic Control Ordinance

In accordance with Title 30-A M.R.S. § 3009, the Municipal Officers of the Town of Chelsea hereby enact an ordinance which will aid in the control of the movement and stopping of vehicular traffic.

- A. Emergency vehicles are not required to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth herewith when in direct line of duty, as long as they are using visual and auditory signals per 29-A M.R.S. § 2054.
- B. This ordinance will be enforced by any officer with police powers.
- C. All signs posted must be in compliance with 23 M.R.S. § 1913-A and 29-A M.R.S. § 2051

Section I: Traffic Infractions.

Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed a traffic infraction within the meaning of 29-A M.R.S. § 101(85). Any person who violates a provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to the civil penalties provided under 29-A M.R.S. § 103 (not less than \$25 nor more than \$500) and § 2602, or otherwise provided by statute or Ordinance.

Section II: Definitions.

Unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance, terms used shall have the same meanings and definitions used under Title 29-A M.R.S.

Section III: Winter Parking.

No person shall park or have standing any attended or unattended vehicle on any way or highway right-of-way which may interfere with snow removal or the normal movement of traffic. Any vehicle parked, disabled, or abandoned on any public way that interferes with or hinders the removal of snow or sanding may be removed and stored, at the owner's expense, at the order of the Road Commissioner or designee without notice to the owner beginning November 1st and ending April 1st between the hours of 9PM and 7AM. The Town and its agents will in no way be responsible for any damage or loss to a vehicle stored in compliance with this Section.

Section IV: Snow Removal

No person shall place or deposit snow or ice on or upon the traveled way of any public way or sidewalk. Any person who violates this provision after receiving a warning from the Road Commissioner or designee shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$25 or more than \$100 for each offense.

Section V: No Passing Zone.

- A. No passing zone extending approximately 4000 feet from the Hallowell Road Fire Station in an Easterly direction to a point beyond the intersection of the Hallowell Road and the Townhouse Road and so designated and marked by “No Passing Zone” signage is hereby established effective upon the enactment of this ordinance.

Section VI: No Parking Zone

- A. No person shall park or leave unattended any vehicle within a 15-foot radius of a fire hydrant so marked by the Town of Chelsea Volunteer Fire Department.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a vehicle to park in Butternut Park for the purpose of camping or overnight parking between Sunset and Sunrise.
- C. No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle whether attended or unattended on the paved, traveled portion nor within 10 feet from the nearer outside line of the traveled way where posted on:

(The Municipal Officers have not posted any sections of roadway no parking)

Section VII: Town way Load Weight Limits

- A. The Municipal Officers may review and after public hearing enact town way load limits as deemed prudent and necessary.

(A current list of the town ways and posted weight is attached to this ordinance as Appendix A. A copy can be obtained at the Town Office.)

- B. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to exceed the posted weight limit on town ways without first obtaining a permit from the Municipal Officers or the Road Commissioner.

(1) Exceptions:

This section of the Traffic Control Ordinance shall not prohibit the operation of:

(a) Trucks which exceed the posted weight limit on a town way as designated by the Municipal Officers in Appendix A, provided that the truck is engaged in a pick-up or delivery within Chelsea and the town way on which the truck is being operated to reach its destination or return to its point of origin is the shortest direct route between the pick-up or delivery point.

(b) Emergency vehicles or public utilities vehicles engaged in repairs

(c) Trucks while engaged in the delivery of fuel oil, firewood, propane or any heating source

(d) Trucks while engaged in the collection of refuse and maintenance of septic systems

(d) School buses while engaged in the pick-up and drop off of students

(e) Trucks detoured by the Town of Chelsea or State of Maine

(f) Wide loads or house trailers with escorts and permission of the Road Commissioner

C. Emergency Permits. The Municipal Officers or Road Commissioner may issue emergency permits for use of town ways otherwise prohibited by this ordinance when the Municipal Officers or Road Commissioner finds that it is necessary for public safety reasons.

Section VIII: Effective Date

A. This ordinance and appendices shall become effective upon adoption by the Municipal Officers.

Adopted by the Municipal Officers this 23rd day of March, 2016.

Richard Danforth

Michael Pushard

Benjamin Smith

Attested:

Appendix A:

The Municipal Officers hereby establish the weight limit of traffic allowed to cross the following roads and bridges in accordance with Section VI. of the Town of Chelsea Traffic Control Ordinance.

Town Roads:

“No through 3 axle or greater vehicles over 23,000 gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR)”

Hallowell Road – a distance of approximately 4.41 miles between Togus VA Center property line and State Route 9 (River Road) for its entire length. Which shall also include Partridge Place, Tasker Road, Dondero Road, Cony Road, Townhouse Road, Keith Street, Sylvester Avenue, Norway Road, Hallett Street, Sylvan Way, Beech Street,

Hankerson Road – a distance of approximately 1.85 miles between State Route 226 (Togus Road) and the Intersection of Townhouse and Davenport Roads for its entire length. Which shall also include the Collins Road, Birch Street, Aaron Avenue, Hemlock Ridge Road, South Dondero Road, Davenport Road and Townhouse Road.

Windsor Road – a distance of approximately 3.20 miles between State Route 226 (Togus Road) and State Route 17 (Eastern Ave.) for its entire length. Which shall also include the Searle’s Mill Road.

Cheney Road – a distance of approximately 0.90 miles from its southerly entrance from State Route 9 (River Road) to its northerly entrance from State Route 9 (River Road) for its entire length. Which shall also include the Davenport Road.

Cony Road – a distance of approximately .615 miles between the Augusta Town Line to the Hallowell Road for its entire length.

Wellman Road – a distance of approximately 0.80 miles between State Route 226 (Togus Road) and State Route 17 (Eastern Ave.) for its entire length

Beech Street – a distance of 0.76 miles between State Route 9 (River Road) and Norway Road for its entire length.

Collins Road – a distance of 0.95 miles between Birmingham Road and Hankerson Road for its entire length.

Bridge(s):

“Weight Limit: 10 tons”

Nelson Road – at the big culvert located approximately 200 feet northeasterly of the Pittston Town Line.