

Town of Green Valley

Parking Ordinance

Ordinance # 2005-1

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Section 1 - Title & Purpose

This Ordinance is to be called the **Town of Green Valley Parking Ordinance**. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the safe use of our highways by regulating the parking of vehicles on roadways and within right of ways in the Town of Green Valley; and to promote the safety and general welfare of all who travel the Town's highways by promoting the safety of our residents, road maintenance crews and those traveling through areas of the Town, and to promote safe unimpeded traffic circulation and minimize distractions.

Section 2 - Authorization

Pursuant to Town of Green Valley Ordinance 2004-01 and Wisconsin Statutes 341-349, the Town of Green Valley is authorized to limit encroachment and parking on the highways located in the Town of Green Valley.

Section 3 - Definitions

Abandoned Vehicle: a vehicle that is left unattended without the permission of the state, county or municipal agency for more than 24 hours, is deemed abandoned and constitutes a public nuisance

Enforcement Officer: the State of Wisconsin Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers, Shawano County Sheriff's Department, Town Officer in Charge of Highway Maintenance, Town of Green Valley Chairperson, and/or the Town Board of Supervisors or their designee

Highways: All public ways and thoroughfares and bridges on same - all roads, streets, highways, roadways - for the purpose of this ordinance, these terms are interchangeable - including the right of ways. It includes the entire width between the boundary lines of every roadway open for the use of the public as a matter of right for the purposes of vehicular travel, including the right of way. The portion of the highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel. For the purpose of this ordinance, the term highway is interchangeable with roads, roadways and streets and includes the right of ways

Highway Encroachments: Any unauthorized object located partially or wholly within the highway right of way. Clearing public highway right of ways of obstacles prevents distraction that could cause a accident. Encroachments include but are not limited to: trees, buildings, signs, fences, walls, poles, posts, pillars, farm crops, farm equipment, and motor vehicles

Intersection: the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the curb lines or, if none, then within the boundary lines of the roadways of 2 or more highways which join one another at, or approximately at right angles, whether or not one such highway crosses the other, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict.

Issuing Authority: means the Department of Transportation, the Town Chairperson, or the Town Board of Supervisors, or their designee.

Local Authorities/Local Official: means county board, town board or their designee, or other local agency having authority under the constitution and laws of this state to adopt traffic regulations.

Official Traffic Control Device: All signs, signals, markings and devices, whether manual, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic is directed, placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic; not inconsistent with chs. 341 to 349 of Wisconsin Statutes. Terms "official traffic sign" and "official traffic signal", "traffic control signal", "traffic control device", "traffic signs" are used interchangeably for the purposes of this ordinance.

Owner: a person who holds legal title of a vehicle, except that if legal title is held by a secured party with the immediate right of possession of the vehicle vested in the debtor, the debtor is the owner for the purposes of this ordinance and for the purposes of chs 340 to 349 of Wisconsin Statutes.

Right of Way: an area adjacent to the roadbed under the control of the municipality - the privilege of the immediate use of the roadway

Roadway: see Highway

Street: see Highway

Town: the Town of Green Valley, Shawano County, Wisconsin, or designee operating on their behalf.

Traffic Control Device: see Official Traffic Control Device

Traffic Signs: As referred to in the Town of Green Valley Road & Sign Ordinance: Any device, marker,

signal or sign warning or regulating traffic, indicating crosswalks, safety zones, traffic lanes, regulating or restricting turns, indicating method of turns, zones of quiet, play streets, loading zones, carrier stands, parking limitations, stop signs, speed regulatory signs, placed or erected by authority of the Town Board or by an authorized official is hereby declared to be an official traffic sign.

Vehicle: This means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except railroad trains. A snowmobile or electric personal assistive mobility device shall not be considered a vehicle except for the purposes made specifically applicable by State Statute.

Section 4 - Application

This ordinance applies to all highways, roadways, and right of ways within the Town of Green Valley. Signs are to be placed in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Section 5 - Parking Regulated

No person shall park or stand any vehicle for a period of time longer than twenty-four consecutive hours on any street or alley in the Town of Green Valley unless otherwise posted.

No vehicle shall so stand on any roadway so as to interrupt or interfere with the passage of other vehicles. When a vehicle is parked in such a way as to interrupt, interfere or endanger the passage of other vehicles, the Town will arrange for the ticketing and prompt removal of the illegally parked vehicle. This removal shall be at the expense of the vehicle's owner.

There shall be no overnight parking on roadways in the Town of Green Valley unless permission is received from a Town Official. If overnight parking is unavoidable, it is necessary to contact a Town Official for permission.

Traffic signs will be placed in accordance with the Wisconsin Uniform Traffic Control standards within the unincorporated communities.

Section 6 - Handicapped Parking Areas

No vehicle may park in an area designated as Handicapped Parking without proper display of official handicapped stickers or tags.

Section 7 - Abandoned Vehicles

Pursuant to St. 342.40(1m), any vehicle parked on a public roadway for 24 or more hours is deemed abandoned. The Town will attempt to determine the licensed owner of the vehicle and will attempt to notify the owner of the need to remove said vehicle. The Town may order removal of any vehicle parked on the roadway or within the right of way, whether or not ownership has been established.

Should any vehicle parked on a public roadway or right of way be deemed a traffic hazard, this vehicle may be removed immediately.

Section 8 - Highway Encroachment

Any unauthorized object located partially or wholly within the highway right of way. Encroachments include but are not limited to: farm and construction equipment, and motor vehicles. The Town or its designee has the authority for clearing public highway and right of ways of obstacles to prevent distraction that could cause an accident.

Should any vehicle or item that is parked or placed on a public roadway or right of way be deemed a traffic hazard, this vehicle or item may be removed immediately.

Section 9 - Penalties

Forfeitures for Parking Violations, Forfeitures for Uniform State Wide Parking, Stopping and Standing Offenses shall be set by the Town Board by Resolution. Minimum and maximum forfeiture for violation of non-moving traffic violations adopted by reference in Section 8.1.1 as described in Wis. Stats. Chapters 341 to 348 shall be found in the current edition of the Revised Uniform State Traffic Deposit Schedule.

Any person convicted of violating this ordinance shall pay all costs incurred by the Town in removing the vehicle or item and may pay a fine.

Section 10 - Severability: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

Section 11 - Exceptions

Parking is permitted on the main roadways within the unincorporated communities unless and except otherwise posted.

Operators of emergency vehicles may park in the highways of the Town as needed in the performance of their duty.

Parking is permitted for special events: the term special events include but are not limited to weddings, funerals, auctions, and parties. Organizer should notify the Town at least 24 hours in advance of the event. The roadway MUST remain passable with parking on one side of the road only.

Section 12 - Enforcement

The Town of Green Valley Town Board of Supervisors gives the authority to enforce this ordinance to the State of Wisconsin Highway Patrol, Shawano County Sheriff's Department, Town of Green Valley Officer in Charge of Highway Maintenance, Town of Green Valley Town Chairperson, or his designee, and/or the Town Board of Supervisors or their designee, or Town of Green Valley Enforcement Officer or Constable, as allowed by Chapter 348 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Per Wis. Statute 349, the enforcement officer may order the removal of the offending vehicle or item at the owners expense, if in its judgment such vehicle is causing or likely to cause injury by parking on such highway or right of way.

Verbal or written warnings may be allowed at the discretion of the enforcement authority.

Section 13 - Effective Date

Effective Date: The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect 5/11/05

Passed on 5/11/05

Vote: for 3 Against 0


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