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[HISTORY. Adopted by the Board of Selectmen on April 3, 1987. Amendments noted where applicable.]

Article I
General Provisions

§ 164-1. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the words and phrases use herein shall have the following meanings:

BOARD - The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bow.

GENERAL PUBLIC - Any person or organization not employed by the Town. Town employees must be in the performance of their official duties so as to not be included in the general public.

PERMIT - Any written authority issued by the Board of Selectmen or under the authority of the Board.

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POLICE OFFICER - A law enforcement officer as defined by NH RSA 259:78.

ROAD OR HIGHWAY - Any public way as defined in NH RSA 259:125.

TOWN - Town of Bow, New Hampshire.

TRUCKS - Any motor vehicle greater than 18,000 pounds gross weight that is intended, designed, or constructed for the transportation of freight or merchandise, or any motor vehicle equipped with other than pneumatic tires.

Article II Traffic Regulations

§164-2. Stop intersections.

- A. The intersections described in Schedule I (§164-21), attached to and made part of this chapter, are hereby designated as stop intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided herein.
- B. Violations of this section shall result in a fine not to exceed \$500.

§164-3. Yield intersections.

- A. The intersections described in Schedule II (§164-22), attached to and made part of this chapter, are hereby designated as yield intersections. Yield signs shall be installed as provided herein.
- B. Violation of this section shall result in a fine not to exceed \$500.

§164-4. Truck exclusions.

- A. Trucks are hereby excluded from the streets or portions of streets described in said Schedule III (§164-23), attached to and made a part of this chapter.
- B. Through trucking is defined as traveling a road while having no destination on that road and making no stops while enroute.
- C. Violation of this section shall result in a fine not to exceed \$500.

§ 164-5. Trucks - Covered Loads.

- A. No person shall operate on any road in the Town any open vehicle loaded with earth, sand, asphalt, stone gravel or other particulate substance unless said vehicle is equipped with and said vehicle is covered and secured by a close fitting tarpaulin which prevents the escape of any substance from said load onto the road.

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- B. This requirement shall not apply to the operation of Town of Bow and State of New Hampshire highway maintenance equipment.
- C. Violation of this section shall result in a fine not to exceed \$500.

Article III
Parking/Standing Regulations

§164-6. Prohibited stopping, standing or parking.

- A. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the direction of a police officer, traffic violation officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:
 - (1) Any vehicle parked at any time upon any of the streets or parts thereof described in Schedule IV (§164-24), attached to and made part of this chapter.
 - (2) Fire Lanes. When signs are erected and the road surface clearly marked giving notice thereof no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any road or way described as a fire lane.
 - (3) No parking in areas designated as Police Vehicles Only.
 - (4) In areas around the parking lot of the Town Hall that are posted as no parking zones.
 - (5) In any areas on public or private property specifically designated for the physically handicapped, marked in accordance with state law, without a permit.

§164-6.1 Overnight parking prohibited on Town Owned Property. [Added 7-16-2019 by Ord. No. 19-08]

There shall be no overnight parking upon any public property, including any Town-owned building or facility parking lot, park, common, playground or recreational area, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless permission is granted by the Town.

§164-7. Emergency restriction on parking.

The Chief of Police may restrict or prohibit parking or travel on any public road in the Town whenever the ordinary uses of same become hazardous because of the existence of some emergency condition.

§164-8. Construction area parking.

All vehicles in a construction area on a public way or private property shall be parked in such a manner as to allow vehicles to pass safely and unobstructed.

§164-9. Winter parking.

No vehicle shall park on any road or right of way in the Town in a manner so as to hamper the removal of snow from the roads or right of way, and may be towed at the discretion of the Director of Public Works or any police officer.

§164-10. Owner responsibility for illegal parking.

A person shall not allow or permit a vehicle registered in his name to park in violation of any of the ordinances of this Town controlling the parking of vehicles. The owner or person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held responsible for such violation.

§164-11. Towing of illegally parked vehicles.

- A. Any vehicle found to be illegally parked on any road or right of way or in violation of any of the ordinances controlling parking, may be towed at the discretion of any Town Police Officer.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or the registrant of the said vehicle, to pay any and all towing and storage fees due.
- C. All towing will be done by a private commercial towing service recognized by the Bow Police Department.

§164-12. Impounded vehicles.

- A. Any vehicle or any other item impounded by any authorized person employed by the Town and stored on or in Town property shall be assessed a fee for storage on a daily basis. The amount of storage fee shall be determined by the Chief of Police with the approval of the Town Manager and the Board.
- B. Payment of any fee due shall be the responsibility of the registered owner, or the last known owner of record for any vehicle. Items stored shall be the responsibility of the owner of the item. Where a juvenile is found to be the owner, the parents or legal guardian will be responsible for the payment of any fee due.
- C. When the owner of any vehicle or item cannot be located the Town may dispose of the vehicle or item in a manner approved by the Board.
- D. No vehicle shall be impounded for a period longer than thirty (30) days. No other item shall be held-for a period longer than sixty (60) days. These periods may be extended at the Police Chief's discretion if reasons warrant an extension.
- E. No fee shall be required on any vehicle or item that must be kept by the Bow Police Department as evidence.

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- F. Neither the Town nor any employees of the Town shall be responsible for any towing charges that are due, unless the Town agrees to pay such charges.
- G. The Town shall make a reasonable effort to locate the owner of any vehicle or item impounded. However, the Town shall not incur any expense in its attempt to locate the owner.
- H. The Town shall not be responsible for any damage to a vehicle or item it has impounded.

§164-13. Parking violation penalties.

A person violating any provisions of this article shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00 for each offense, except that the following optional procedure may be used in lieu of court proceedings.

- A. The owner or registrant of the said vehicle may, within an initial 72 hours grace period from the time a notice of violation was attached to the vehicle, pay to the Bow Police Department the sum of \$25.00 as a penalty in lieu of court proceedings.
- B. If the initial fine is not paid within the 72 hours, a \$10.00 penalty assessment is charged.
- C. After 10 days, the Bow Police Department will send a courtesy letter of reminder to the owner or registrant extending a final 72 hour grace period from the date of the letter received for the payment of a fine totaling \$35.00. Once the 72 hour grace period expires, a summons shall be issued to the registrant of the vehicle to appear in the court of jurisdiction.

Article IV
Seasonal Load Limits

[Amended by Board of Selectmen 3-25-2002.]

§ 164-14. Criteria for seasonal load limiting.

- A. Seasonal load limit regulations will be placed on roadways carrying less than 5,000 vehicles per day and that are subject to excessive damage during periods of thawing. These roads will be identified by the Director of the Department of Public Works, on an annual basis.
- B. Factors to be considered. The following factors will be considered by highway maintenance personnel prior to enacting a seasonal load limit regulation on a particular road:
 - (1) The historical performance of the road during similar environmental conditions.
 - (2) The structural sufficiency of the materials providing the roadway's foundation.

- (3) Current environment conditions (i.e. depth of frost, weather forecast, snow depth).
- (4) The frequency, size and number of trips heavy vehicles are making or are projected to make over the roadway.
- (5) Availability of alternative routes if highway is posted with weight limits.
- (6) Connecting road network in the immediate area that is free of seasonal load limit regulations.
- (7) The projected roadway damages and cost to repair if a ban is not imposed, as well as the economic hardship on the highway user if it is imposed.

§ 164-15. Placement of seasonal load limit restrictions.

The Director of Public Works shall:

- A. Provide notification to highway users prior to placing seasonal load limit regulations. Notification will be through press releases or by letter.
- B. Erect temporary signs on all roadways that meet criteria for seasonal load limit regulations. Highway users shall be advised of seasonal load limit regulations on the road ahead by using supplemental signing as appropriate to avoid the dead-ending of trucks.
- C. Maintain a record of the effective date of the posting as well as the date removed. Transmit information to the Town Manager and the Police Chief.
- D. Constantly monitor roadway conditions to allow the earliest practical removal of the seasonal load limit regulations.
- E. Maintain all signs throughout the duration of the seasonal load limit regulations.
- F. Evaluate individual requests for exceptions as specified. (i.e. travel when road solidly frozen, milk transporters, fuel oil deliveries, etc.)

§ 164-16. Removal of seasonal load limits.

The Director of Public Works shall:

- A. Visually observe roadways to detect the presence of water. Seasonal load limit regulations will be continued until the roadway base materials are drained and capable of supporting heavy vehicle loads.

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- B. Determine the depth of thawed material beneath the pavement (i.e. By digging a hole, driving a stake in on the shoulder, or observing excavations by others).
- C. Remove signs when conditions have returned to normal and a roadway is in a stable condition.

§ 164-17. Appeals.

Notification of appeal shall be made to the Director of Public Works. The Director of Public Works shall consider each appeal on its merits with emphasis upon what weight is being requested for the road to carry and at what frequency. If the DPW Director approves the waiver, written notice shall be provided to the requestor, the Bow Police Department, and the Town Manager. If the issue cannot be resolved at that level, the appeal shall progress to the Town Manager and then to the Board of Selectmen. This procedure is for short term, temporary waivers. Waivers for the entire load limit season shall be submitted in writing directly to the Board of Selectmen.

§164-18. Penalty. [Amended by Board of Selectmen 01-12-2016.]

Whoever shall fail to comply with the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine up to \$1,000. For the purposes of this article, each time a vehicle is operated on a highway in excess of that which is posted shall constitute a separate offense.

Article V
Bridge Weight Limits

[Added by Board of Selectmen 01-12-2016.]

§ 164-19. Load limits for bridges.

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 234:39, load limits for bridges are established as follows:

- (1) Page Road Bridge over Bela Brook - Twenty-five (25) tons

§ 164-20. Posting of load limits.

Notice of such load limits shall be posted at or near the entrance of said bridges.

§164-21. Penalty.

Whoever shall fail to comply with the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine of \$100. For the purposes of this article, each time a vehicle is operated on a highway in excess of that which is posted shall constitute a separate offense.

Article VI
Schedules

§164-23. Schedule I: Stop Intersections

In accordance with the provisions of Article II (§164-2), the following described intersections are hereby designated as stop intersections, and stop signs shall be installed as follows:

Stop Sign On	Direction of travel	At Intersection of
Abbey Lane	north	Allen Road
Alexander Lane	east	Knox Road
Allen Road	north	Bow Bog Road
Allen Road	south	South Bow Road
Arnold Drive	east	Stoneybrook Road
Arrowhead Drive	north	Branch Londonderry Tpke East
Asa Drive	north	Morgan Drive
Asa Drive	south	Bow Bog Road
Audley Divide	east	Putney Road
Auras Way	east	Mountain Farm Road
Beaver Brook Drive	north	Page Road
Bent Road	north	Eastview Drive
Betty Lane	south	Ridgewood Drive
Birchdale Road	south	Page Road
Blevens Drive	south	Putney Road
Blueberry Lane	north	Shore View Drive
Blueberry Lane	south	Rocky Point Drive
Bona Vista Drive	north	Van Ger Drive
Bona Vista Drive	south	Brown Hill Road
Branch-Londonderry Tpke West	west	Page Road
Branch-Londonderry Tpke West	west	Page Road
Briarwood Drive	north	Robinson Road
Brown Hill Road	south	Dunbarton Center Road
Brown Hill Road	north	Page Road
Buckingham Drive	north	Hop Kiln Road
Buckingham Drive	south	Putney Road
Cardinal Drive	north	Quimby Road
Carriage Road	west	Grandview Road
Cedar Lane	north	Hooksett Turnpike

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Cedar Lane	east	Hooksett Turnpike
Chandler Circle	east	Birchdale Road
Chelsea Drive	south	South Bow Dunbarton Road
Clearview Drive	south	Robinson Road
Clement Road	south	Bona Vista Drive
Clement Road	north	Brown Hill Road
Cob Road	west	Birchdale Road
Cob Road	west	Birchdale Road
Colby Lane	north	Allen Road
Colonial Terrace	south	Woodland Circle
Crescent Drive	south	South Bow Road
Crockett Drive	east	Laurel Drive
Currier Drive	west	Timmins Road
Dean Avenue	north	Robinson Road
Dean Avenue	south	Bow Bog Road
Dow Road	west	Knox Road
Dunklee Road	east	River Road
Dunnmoore Drive	south	Bow Bog Road
Edgewood Drive	west	Page Road
Erin Drive	south	Dean Avenue
Essex Drive	south	Fernwood Place
Everett Avenue	south	Grandview Road
Falcon Way	east	White Rock Hill Road
Evolution Drive [added 5-28-24]	east	Ryan Road
Fawn Court [added 1-28-20]	east	Albin Road
Fernwood Place	south	Bela View Drive
Ferry Road	south	River Road
Fieldstone Drive	north	Robinson Road
Foote Road	north	Page Road
Fox Meadow Drive	west	Albin Road
Hamilton Court [added 5-28-24]	south	Brown Hill Road
Hampshire Hills Drive	west	Brown Hill Road
Hampshire Hills Drive	south	Hampshire Hills Drive
Heather Lane	south	Dow Road
Heidi Lane	east	Ridgewood Drive
Heidi Lane	east	Jonathan Lane
Heidi Lane	west	Jonathan Lane
Heidi Lane	west	Knox Road
Hemlock Road	east	Old Coach Road
Hemlock Road	west	Surrey Drive
Hidden Forest Drive	south	Hooksett Turnpike

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Hollow Road	north	Bow Bog Road
Hooksett Turnpike	south	Page Road
Hop Kiln Road	west	Putney Road
Hope Lane	north	Bow Bog Road
Hunter Drive	east	Risingwood Drive
Jonathan Lane	east	Risingwood Drive
Juniper Lane	west	Lincoln Drive
Knox Road	east	Robinson Road
Knox Road	west	Dow Road
Longview Drive	east	Tonga Drive
Longview Drive	west	Foote Road
McNichol Lane	north	Allen Road
Meadow Lane	north	Knox Road
Melanie Lane	north	Albin Road
Merrill Crossing	south	South Bow
Morgan Drive	south	Bow Bog Road
Mountain Farm Road	north	Quimby Road
Nancy Drive	north	Page Road
Nathaniel Drive	north	Woodhill Hooksett Road
Nesbitt Drive	west	Bow Bog Road
Noyes Lane	South	Gordon Road
Oak Ridge Drive	east	Rocky Point Drive
Oak Ridge Drive	west	Surrey Coach Lane
Ogden Road	north	Smokey Road
Ogden Road	south	Nesbitt Drive
Old Coach Road	south	Rocky Point Drive
Ordway Lane	south	South Bow Road
Page Road	east	White Rock Hill Road
Parsons Way [added 1-28-20]	south	Allen Road
Parsons Way [added 1-28-20]	South	Allen Road
Peaslee Road	north	Bow Bog Road
Pepin Drive	south	Page Road
Pepin Drive	south	Page Road
Pine Crest Drive	south	Page Road
Poor Richards Drive	north	Betty Lane
Poor Richards Drive	west	Ridgewood Drive
Putney Road	north	Buckingham Drive
Quimby Road	north	South Bow Dunbarton Road
Rand Road	north	Clough Street
Red Pine Drive	south	Page Road
Ridgewood Drive	north	Grandview Road

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Ridgewood Drive	south	Knox Road
Risingwood Drive	east	Woodhill Road
Robinson Road	south	Bow Bog Road
Robinson Road	north	Bow Bog Road
Rocky Point Drive	south	White Rock Hill Road
Rollins Road	south	Pepin Drive
Rosewood Drive	north	Bow Bog Road
Ryan Road	south	Dunklee Road
Sawmill Road [added 5-28-24]	north	Page Road
Sawmill Road [added 5-28-24]	east	
South Bow Dunbarton Road	north	South Bow Road
Saltmarsh Circle	east	Meadow Lane
Saltmarsh Circle	east	Meadow Lane
Sharon Drive	north	Laurel Drive
Shaw Divide	north	Page Road
Shore View Drive	north	Rocky Point Drive
Shore View Drive	south	White Rock Hill Road
Short Street	east	Grandview Road
South Bow Road	west	Woodhill Road
Stack Drive	east	Page Road
Stack Drive	north	Stack Drive
Stack Drive	south	Foote Road
Sterling Place	north	Brown Hill Road
Stoneybrook Road	south	Allen Road
Stoneybrook Road	south	Allen Road
Sullivan Drive	south	Essex Drive
Summer Lane [added 1-28-20]	north	Peaslee Road
Sundance Lane	east	Brown Hill Road
Surrey Drive	south	Rocky Point Drive
Tally Ho Lane	north	Albin Road
Terrace Hill Road	east	Cedar Lane
Timmins Road	north	White Rock Hill Road
Tonga Drive	east	Brown Hill Road
Tonga Drive	east	Brown Hill Road
Tower Hill Drive	north	Woodhill Hooksett Road
Turee Pond Road	east	White Rock Hill Road
Van Ger Drive	south	Clement Road
Vaughn Road	east	River Road
Village Road	south	Page Road
West Gate Drive	east	Surrey Coach Lane

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Wheeler Road	west	Timmins Road
Wheeler Road	west	Wheeler Road
Wheeler Road	east	White Rock Hill Road
Whittier Drive	west	Knox Road
Wilderness Lane	west	Woodland Circle
Windsor Drive	south	Buckingham
Woodhill Hooksett Road	west	Allen Road
Woodhill Hooksett Road	east	Allen Road
Woodland Circle	south	Albin Road
Woodland Circle	south	Albin Road

§164-23. Schedule II: Yield Intersections

In accordance with the provisions of Article II, (§164-3), the following described intersections are hereby designated as yield intersections, and yield signs shall be installed as follows:

Yield Sign On	Direction of travel	At Intersection of
Brown Hill Road	north	Putney Road
Short Street	east	Grandview Road
Albin Road	west	Logging Hill Road

§164-24. Schedule III: Truck Exclusions [Amended by the Board of Selectmen 10-8-2024]

In accordance with the provisions of Article II, §164-4, trucks are hereby excluded from the following streets or parts of streets described:

Name of Street	Location
Grandview Road [Added 7-12-05]	From Short Street to Route 3A
Putney Road [Added 10-8-2024]	Brown Hill Road to the Bow/Dunbarton town line

§ 164-25. Schedule IV: Parking Prohibited at All Times

In accordance with Article III, (§164-6), no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Albin Road	east	200 feet south of Woodland Circle northerly for a distance of 1,000 feet
Albin Road	west	200 feet south of Woodland Circle northerly for a distance of 1,000 feet

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Bow Center Road	east	From Knox Road south for a distance of 72 feet
Grandview Road [Added 4-10-90]	east	From Route 3A northerly for a distance of 500 feet
Grandview Road [Added 4-10-90]	west	From Route 3A northerly for a distance of 1,000 feet
Northeast Avenue	south	From South Street easterly for a distance of 300 feet
Route 3A	east	300 feet south of Grandview Road northerly for a distance of 700 feet
Route 3A [Added 4-28-98]	west	From the Concord/Bow town line southerly for a distance of 300 feet
South Street	east	From Northeast Avenue southerly for a distance of 150 feet
South Street [Added 4-28-98]	east	From southerly entrance of gas station northerly for a distance of 300 feet
Tallwood Drive [Added 4-28-98]	north	From Route 3A easterly for a distance of 300 feet
White Rock Hill Road [Added 6-18-24]	west	From Falcon Way northerly for a distance of 85 feet
White Rock Hill Road [Added 6-18-24]	west	From Falcon Way southerly for a distance of 85