

**LAGRAND TOWNSHIP
DOUGLAS COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Ordinance No. 10**

An Ordinance Regulating Parking On Town Roads

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of LaGrand ordains:

1. **Purpose.** The primary objectives of this ordinance are to protect public safety, reduce interferences with public travel, protect the public's interest in its roads, and to provide for the efficient and uniform administration of the Town's roads. The Board finds that the regulations, requirements, and restrictions are necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town.

2. **Authority.** As a road authority, the Board has broad authority to regulate what occurs within its town roads. This authority is found in Minn. Stat. § 365.10, subd. 17, a variety of sections in chapters 160, 164, 165, 169, and other chapters, as well as the rules associated with those chapters.

3. **Definitions.**

a) **Motor vehicle.** (a) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle designed and originally manufactured to operate primarily upon public roads and highways, and not operated exclusively upon railroad tracks. It includes any vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle.

b) **Town roads.** "Town roads" includes those roads and cartways which have heretofore been or which hereafter may be established, constructed, or improved under the authority of the several town boards, roads established, constructed, or improved by counties that have been maintained by the towns for a period of at least one year prior to July 1, 1957.

4. **Presumption.** Presumption as to any vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance, when the driver thereof is not present, it shall be assumed that the owner parked the same, or that the driver was acting as the agent of the owner.

5. **General Parking Prohibitions.** It is unlawful for any person to stop, and or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or compliance with the specific directions of a police officer, or traffic control device, in any of the following places:

- a. in front of a public or private driveway;
- b. within an intersection;
- c. within 30 feet upon the approach to any stop sign;
- d. within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- e. alongside or opposite any street excavation, or obstruction when such

- stopping or parking would obstruct traffic;
- f. upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a Town road; or
- g. at any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

6. Parking. Parking along all Town roads is **prohibited from November 1 of each year to the following April 1**, in order to provide for proper snow removal and for the safety of vehicular travel. The vehicle may be towed away and impounded at the owner's expense.

24-Hour Parking. No person shall park a vehicle in a Right-of-Way for a period exceeding **24 hours** during the months of **April 2nd -October 31st of each year**. After **24 hours**, the vehicle may be towed away and impounded at the owner's expense.

Safety. Under no circumstances shall a person park a vehicle in a Right-of-Way in such a way as to create a hazard for the traveling public or interfere with maintenance of the Right-of-Way.

7. Recreational Equipment Parking. It is unlawful for any person to leave or park recreational equipment, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 168.011, subd. 25, as amended, on any road right-of-way, except where signs are erected designating the place of a campsite, for more than 24 hours.

8. Direction to proceed. It is unlawful for any person to stop or park a vehicle on a Town road when directed or ordered to proceed by any police officer invested by law with authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic.

9. Permission. Any person receiving permission or a permit from the Board as provided in this ordinance must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and rules as well as all applicable Town ordinances, resolutions, specifications, regulations, and policies. Any person receiving permission or a permit must comply with all conditions, requirements, and limitations the Board expresses as part of the permission or permit. Failure to comply with any of the conditions, requirements, or limitations shall void the permission or permit and could place the person in violation of this ordinance.

10. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective on October 3, 2016.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of October, 2016.

BY THE BOARD:

Gerhard Thoennes, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kelly A. Beilke, Clerk