

**35. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ENABLING PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL MACHINERY TO FUNCTION WHENEVER IT SHALL BECOME NECESSARY TO PLOW OR TO CLEAR SNOW FROM THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF GROTON, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF
(FEBRUARY 6, 1961)**

Be it ordained by the Board of Mayor and Council of the City of Groton:

Section 1 - (Definitions)

Whenever in this ordinance the following terms are used, they shall have the meaning respectively ascribed to them in this section:

- (a) the word "vehicle" shall mean any device used for conveyance, drawing or other transportation of any person or property, whether on wheels or runners or otherwise, when on a public street;
- (b) the word "park" or "parking" shall mean the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a street otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers or unloading wholesale merchandise, or when stopped for any traffic regulations, traffic signs or signals;
- (c) the word "street" shall mean any public street, public road or public highway in the City of Groton.

Section 2 - Parking shall be prohibited upon the streets of the City of Groton at all times when such parking shall interfere with snowplowing or snow removal work. Vehicles may park on such streets provided there is a licensed driver behind the steering wheel, and provided such vehicle shall be moved from said streets upon the approach of machinery or of workmen engaged in the plowing or removal of snow from said streets.

Section 3 - Whenever a vehicle shall be parked unattended by a licensed driver, or attended by a licensed driver who refuses to move said vehicle upon the approach of machinery or of workmen engaged in the plowing or removal of snow, and such vehicle is in position as to interfere with the plowing or removal of snow from the street, such vehicle may be removed or conveyed by or under the direction of a member of the police department of the City of Groton by means of towing the same or otherwise to a public garage in the City of Groton. Such removal shall be at the risk of the owner, and before the owner or person in charge of such vehicle shall be permitted to remove the same from the custody of the police department, he shall furnish evidence of his identity and ownership or right to possession, and shall sign a receipt for said vehicle, and shall pay to the officer then in charge at the headquarters of the police department of the City of Groton for the use of the "Parking Meter and Traffic Control Fund" of the City of Groton a fee of ten (10) dollars plus reasonable storage charge at the rate of one (1) dollar per day.

Section 4 - In any prosecution or proceeding hereunder, the registration plate displayed on the vehicle shall constitute prima facie evidence that the owner of such vehicle was the person who parked such vehicle where the violation occurred.

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Section 5 - Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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