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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 9-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. Whenever words and phrases used in this chapter are not defined in this section, but are defined in any traffic ordinance of this town, such definition shall be deemed to apply to such words and phrases used in this chapter. Whenever any words and phrases used in this chapter are not defined in any ordinance of this town, but are defined in the state vehicle laws, such definition shall be deemed to apply to such words and phrases used in this chapter.

- (a) Authorized emergency vehicle. Vehicles of the fire department, police department, or ambulance service and any other vehicles as are designated or authorized to operate as emergency vehicles.
- (b) Central business section. The section of Dexter comprising that portion of the town bounded as follows: Church Street, traffic light to the Universalist Church; Spring Street, traffic light to the Sterling Hotel; Main Street, traffic light to the intersection with Zion's Hill Road; Grove Street, Main Street to the intersection with Railroad Avenue.
- (c) Compact section. The section of the town defined by the Statutes of Maine, and shall be marked by and designated by speed limit signs.
- (d) Crosswalk.
 - That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or continuation of the lateral lines of the sidewalks at intersections.
 - (2) Any portion of a roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the road surface.
- (e) Driver. Any person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

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- (f) *Intersection*. That area embraced within the prolongation or continuation of the lateral side lines of two (2) highways which cross one another.
- (g) Motor vehicle. Any vehicle which is self-propelled, but not operated on rails.
- (h) Official time standard. Whenever certain hours are named in this chapter they shall mean standard time or daylight-savings time as may currently apply.
- (i) Pedestrian. A person afoot.
- (j) *Police department*. All the law enforcement officers appointed by the town council as well as all reserve officers in service to the community.
- (k) *Police officer*. All officers duly appointed for the town, including all reserve police officers and every law enforcement officer of the state and county.
- (1) Private road or driveway. Any way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular traffic or travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.
- (m) Right-of-way. The privilege of the immediate use of a roadway.
- (n) *Roadway*. That portion of a street improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic or travel.
- (o) *Sidewalk*. That portion of a street intended for the use of pedestrians that lies between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines.
- (p) Stop. The complete cessation of movement.
- (q) Stop or stopping. When prohibited, means any stopping of a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control sigh or signal.
- (r) Street or highway. The entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public as a matter of right, for purposes of traffic.

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- (s) *Traffic*. Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles and other conveyances either singly or together while using any street for purposes of travel.
- (t) Traffic board. The Dexter Town Council.
- (u) Vehicle. Any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-2. Required obedience.

It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this chapter. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-3. Obedience to police.

No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of a police officer. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-4. Applicability to public employees.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the driver of and any vehicle owned by or used in the service of the United States Government, this state, county or town, and it shall be unlawful for any such driver to violate any of the provisions of this chapter, except as otherwise permitted in this chapter or by state statute. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-5. Exemptions for authorized emergency vehicles.

- (a) The provisions of this chapter regulating the operation, parking, and standing of vehicles shall apply to authorized emergency vehicles, except when operating any such vehicle in an emergency situation, or when otherwise directed by a police officer, may:
 - (1) Park or stand, notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter;

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- (2) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;
- (3) Exceed the speed limits so long as he/she does not endanger life or property;
- (4) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions so long as he/she does not endanger life or property.
- (b) The foregoing exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of his/her reckless disregard of the safety of others.
- (c) Privately owned vehicles operated by public safety employees (fire, ambulance, or police) are not considered emergency vehicles and must be operated within the constraints of the law. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-6. Persons propelling push carts or riding animals.

Every person propelling any push cart or riding an animal upon a roadway, and every person driving an animal-drawn vehicle, shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter applicable to the driver of any vehicle, except those provisions of this chapter which by their very nature can have no application. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Secs. 9-7-9-25. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 9-26. Traffic board.

- (a) The traffic board shall exercise the powers and duties as provided in this article and elsewhere in this chapter.
- (b) It shall be the general duty of the traffic board, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to do so, to determine the place of installation and proper timing and maintenance of traffic-control devices and signs, and to so install and maintain them at such places; to determine, regulate and limit the parking,

standing, stopping and operation of vehicles on any street, streets or parts of streets; to designate and maintain, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks, parking spaces, lines for traffic on street pavements at such places as it may deem advisable, consistent with the traffic ordinances of this town; to determine, regulate, and limit the direction and movement of traffic on any street in this town where deemed necessary by the board and to so designate such one-way streets by suitable signs; to place and maintain such additional traffic control devices and signs as it may deem necessary to regulate traffic under the traffic ordinances of this town or under the state law or to guide or warn traffic consistent with the provisions of this chapter; to cooperate with other town officials in the development of ways and means to improve traffic conditions and to carry out the additional powers and duties imposed by ordinances of this town.

- (c) All traffic control devices and signs shall conform to the manual and specifications which may be approved by the state highway commission. On such devices as the state highway commission has issued no regulation there shall be such devices as are approved by the traffic board. All traffic control devices and signs so erected and consistent with the provisions of the state law or this chapter shall be considered official traffic control devices.
- (d) With the approval of the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the chief of the state police, the traffic board is empowered to establish speed limits on town streets and roads in accordance with criteria set forth in 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2075. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-27. Emergency and experimental regulations.

(a) The traffic board is hereby empowered to make regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of the traffic ordinances of this town, and to make and enforce temporary regulations to cover emergencies and special conditions.

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(b) The traffic board may make temporary rules regulating traffic or test traffic control devices under actual conditions of traffic. No such experimental rule regulating traffic shall remain in effect for more than ninety (90) days. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-28. Duties of police department.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Dexter Police Department to enforce the street traffic regulations of this town, to make arrest for traffic violations, to investigate accidents, to cooperate with the traffic board and other officers of the town in the administration of the traffic laws and in developing ways and means to improve traffic conditions and to carry out the duties specifically imposed upon the police department by this chapter and the traffic ordinances of this town.
- (b) It is the duty of the police department to direct all traffic in conformance with traffic laws. In the event of fire or other emergency, to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers of the police or fire department may direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Secs. 9-29-9-45. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Sec. 9-46. Official devices enumerated.

Official traffic control devices shall be all signs, signals, markings and devices, whether immovable or whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, or by the traffic board, by which traffic is alternately direct to stop and to proceed or for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

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Sec. 9-47. Obedience to signs required for enforcement.

- (a) The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto, placed or installed by the traffic board, in accordance with the traffic ordinances of this town, unless otherwise direct by a police officer, subject to the exemptions granted to the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in this chapter.
- (b) No provision of this chapter for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinary observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that signs are required, such section shall be effective without signs being erected to give notice thereof. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-48. Traffic control signal legend.

Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting the word "go", "caution", "walk", or "stop", or exhibiting different lights successively, the following colors only shall be used, and the terms and lights shall indicate as follows:

- (a) Green alone or "go":
 - (1) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through, or turn right or left at such place unless a sign at such place prohibits either of such turns, but vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection at the time such signal is exhibited.
 - (2) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- (b) Green in combination with yellow or "caution" signal:
 - (1) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at the intersection, but if such stop cannot be made in safety, a vehicle may be driven cautiously through the intersection.

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- (2) Pedestrians facing such signal are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway, and any pedestrian then starting to cross shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.
- (c) Red alone or "stop":
 - (1) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk, at an intersection, or at such other point as may be indicated by a clearly visible line, and shall remain standing until green or "go" is shown alone.
 - (2) No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway unless he/she can do so safely and without interference to any vehicular traffic.
- (d) Red in combination with yellow:
 - (1) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop.
 - (2) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- (e) Red with green arrow:
 - (1) Vehicular traffic facing such signal may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, but shall not interfere with other traffic.
 - (2) All other vehicular traffic facing such signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at such intersection or at such other point as may be indicated by a clearly visible line and shall remain standing until green or "go" is shown alone.
 - (3) No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway unless he/she can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.
- (f) Yellow alone or "walk":
 - (1) If a yellow alone or a "walk" signal is showing on the said traffic control signal all vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at the intersection.

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(2) The duration of the yellow or "walk" signal if so designated shall be set by the traffic board, but such time limit shall not be less than ten (10) seconds.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

- Sec. 9-49. "Children Playing" signs; requests and public hearing.
- (a) A request for the placement of a "Children Playing" sign shall be made in writing and considered by the traffic board after a duly posted and published public hearing is called and held no less than fourteen (14) days from the date of the hearing notice. The citizen making the request shall be present at the public hearing and meeting when the traffic board shall act on the request. If not present, the request will be denied.
- (b) If the traffic board deems that the "Children Playing" sign is needed and grants the request, the citizen making the request shall be responsible for the cost of the sign. The town shall be responsible for placing the sign at the specified location and for the maintenance of the sign thereafter.
- (c) The town shall remove "Children Playing" signs when it is no longer necessary for the signs to be located on specific streets, roads, or highways in the town.

 (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Secs. 9-50-9-65. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. SPECIFIC STREET REGULATIONS

Sec. 9-66. One-way streets.

One-way streets shall be designated as follows:

- (a) Crosby Street, from Pine Street southerly to Zions Hill Road.
- (b) Hall Street, from Church Street easterly to Pleasant Street.
- (c) Post Office Road, from Main Street Hill westerly to Spring Street.

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(d) Middlesex Avenue, from Main Street to the municipal parking lot.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-67. Streets designated as "Not A Through Street".

The following streets and roads are hereby designated as "Not A Through Street" and traffic signs reflecting the designation shall be placed at appropriate locations.

- (a) Acadia Street.
- **(b)** Shore Road. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-68. Stop intersections.

Stop intersections in the town shall be designated at the following locations:

- (a) At the junction of Pleasant Street and Lakeview Avenue, all traffic on Pleasant Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- **(b)** At the junction of Park Street and Pleasant Street, all traffic on Park Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (c) At the junction of Park Street and Charleston Road, all traffic on Park Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (d) At the junction of Park Street and Prospect Street, all traffic on Prospect Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (e) At the junction of Maple Street and Pleasant Street, all traffic on Maple Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (f) At the junction of Maple Street and Forest Street, all traffic on Forest Street to stop before entering the intersection.

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- (g) At the junction of High Street and Winter Street, all traffic on High Street and westerly on Winter Street to stop before entering intersection.
- (h) At the junction of Free Street and Center Street, all traffic on Free Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (i) At the junction of Free Street and Winter Street, all traffic on Free Street and westerly on Winter Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (j) At the junction of Free Street and Liberty, all traffic on Liberty Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (k) At the junction of Russ Street and Liberty Street, all traffic on Russ Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (1) At the junction of Water Street and Liberty Street, all traffic on Water Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (m) At the junction of Water Street and Cedar Street, all traffic on Cedar Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (n) At the junction of Water Street and Mill Street, all traffic on Water Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (o) At the junction of Water Street and Center Street, all traffic on Water Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (p) At the junction of Pine Street and Crosby Street, all traffic on Pine Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (q) At the junction of Dustin Street and Highland Avenue, all traffic on Highland Avenue to stop before entering the intersection.
- (r) At the junction of Pleasant Street and Cross Street, all traffic on Cross Street to stop before proceeding past Pleasant Street.

- (s) At the junction of Prospect Street and Lakeview Avenue, all traffic on Prospect Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (t) At the junction of Dexter Street and Zion's Hill Road, all traffic on Dexter Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (u) At the junction of Dexter Street and School Street, all traffic on Dexter Street to stop before entering the intersection.
- (v) At the junction of Airport Road where it meets Jennings Hill Road.
- (w) At the junction of Fern Road and Main Street Hill.
- (x) At the junction of Highland Avenue and Crosby Street, all traffic on Highland Avenue to stop before entering Crosby Street.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03; Ord. No. C2009-13, 9-10-09; Ord. No. C-2010-12, 9-9-10; Ord. No. C2016-4, 8-11-16)

Sec. 9-69. Yield intersections.

Yield intersections in the town shall be designated as follows:

- (a) At the junction of Pleasant Street and Common Street, all traffic on Common Street to yield to other traffic.
- (b) At the junction of Pine Street and Abbott Hill Road all traffic on Abbott Hill Road to yield before entering the intersection.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-70. Dead-end streets.

- (a) Skimmer Lane is hereby designated as a dead-end street with a sign indicating Dead-End Street to be placed at the intersection of McFarland Street and Skimmer Lane.
- (b) Abbott Hill Road is hereby designated as a dead-end street with a sign indicating Dead-End Street to be placed at the intersection of Dustin Street and Abbott Hill Road. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03; Ord. No. C2012-9, 7-12-12)

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Sec. 9-71. Children Playing areas.

Children Playing signs shall be located as follows:

- (a) On Acadia Street, on the Church Street end.
- (b) On Center Street, between Spring Street and Main Street.
- (c) On Charleston Road, at the intersection of Park Street and Charleston Road.
- (d) On Charleston Road, between Main Street Hill and the built-up area.
- (e) On the Dunn Road, in the vicinity of number 155.
- (f) On Elm Street, at the intersection of Elm and Park Streets, and at the intersection of Elm and Maple Streets.
- (g) On Free and Summer Streets, two (2) Children Playing signs in the vicinity of the intersection of Free and Summer Streets.
- (h) On Free Street, between Upper Main Street and Spring Street.
- (i) On Grove Street, between the Guy B. Hall Bridge and the dam.
- (j) On High Street, between Winter Street and Liberty Street.
- (k) On Highland Avenue, between Dustin Street and Grove Street.
- (l) On Highland Avenue, at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Dustin Street and a the intersection of Highland Avenue and Crosby Street.
- (m) On Main Street, at the intersection of Liberty Street and at the intersection of Skimmer Lane.
- (n) On Park Street, between Charleston Street and Pleasant Street.
- (o) On Pleasant Street, between Main Street Hill and Lakeview Avenue.

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- (p) On Railroad Avenue, between Main Street and the railroad overpass.
- (q) On Spring Street, between Mechanic Street and Main Street.
- (r) On Spring Street, at some point between Lincoln Street and Mill Street.
- (s) On Main Street Hill, between the Spring Street and the Charleston Road.
- (t) On Zions Hill Road, in the vicinity of the intersection with Main Street.
- (u) On Zions Hill Road, at a conspicuous site near the Lincoln Street intersection and at a site in the vicinity of the intersection with Sunrise Avenue.
- (v) In the vicinity of 140 Main Street Hill.
- (w) Each end of Dexter Street.
- (x) On the North and South side of the vicinity of 61 Old Dover Road
- (y) On the east side of the vicinity of 68 Dunn Road (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03; Ord. No. C2008-6, 5-8-08; Ord. No. C2010-8, 6-10-10; Ord. No. C2018-7, 7-12-18)

Sec. 9-72. Handicapped Child at Play areas.

Handicapped Child at Play signs shall be located in the vicinity of 80 Number 10 Road. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-73. Hidden drives.

- (a) On Arno Road, a Hidden Drive sign shall be placed on the easterly side of the road indicating the hidden driveway at 71 Arno Road.
- (b) On Upper Garland Road a Hidden Drive sign shall be placed on the easterly side of the hidden driveway at 334 Upper Garland Road.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03; Ord. No. C2009-18, 10-8-09)

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Sec. 9-74. Horse crossings.

On Shore Road, a Horse Crossing sign shall be placed in the vicinity of 153 Shore Road. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-75. Reserved.

Editor's note - Ord. No. C2018-5, adopted March 15, 2018, repealed §9-75, which pertained to speed limits and derived from Ord. No. C2003-24, October 9, 2003.

Sec. 9-76. Crosswalks.

Crosswalks shall be located as follows:

- (a) Zions Hill Road steps across Main Street to the municipal parking lot.
- (b) Reny's across Main Street.
- (c) Block Bank Building across Main Street to the municipal parking lot exit.
- (d) Middlesex Avenue across Main Street.
- (e) Main Street across Spring Street to the post office at the traffic signal.
- (f) Chia Apartments across Main Street.
- (g) Across Grove Street at the intersection with Main Street.
- (h) Library across Main Street Hill to the post office.
- (i) Dam Street sidewalk across Grove Street to Highland Avenue.
- (j) Main Street sidewalk across entrance to municipal parking lot at 4 Main Street.
- (k) Main Street sidewalk across exit from municipal parking lot at the Bangor Savings Bank.
- (l) Zions Hill Road sidewalk across to Dustin Street sidewalk.
- (m) Dustin Street sidewalk across Highland Avenue sidewalk.

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- (n) Chia Apartments footbridge across Water Street to sidewalk.
- (o) Spring Street at entrance to the municipal parking lot.
- (p) Spring Street crossing from the Center Street sidewalk.
- (q) Church Street crossing from the Common Street sidewalk.
- (r) Main Street at the intersection with Lincoln Street.
- (s) Abbott Hill Road from the Dexter Regional High School student parking lot to the sidewalk adjacent to Summit Road.
- (t) Pine Street from the Tri-County Technical Center entrance to Crosby Park.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-77. Use of engine brakes.

The use of engine brakes shall be prohibited while operating vehicles along the following segments of roadways within the Town of Dexter:

Route 7: Extending from the intersection of Trotting Park Road in a southerly direction to intersection with Garland Road (Route 94).

Route 23: Extending from the intersection of Shore Road extending in an easterly direction to the intersection with Church Street (Route 7).

(Ord. No. C2005-2, 1-13-05)

Sec. 9-78. No thru truck signs.*

No thru trucks signs shall be located as follows:

(a) Intersection of Spring Street and Center Street up to Main Street.

^{*}Editor's note—Ord. No. C2005-22, adopted Sept. 8, 2005, originally designated this section as § 9-77. As this section already existed, it has been redesignated as § 9-78 at the discretion of the editor.

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(b) Intersection of Spring Street and Mill Street up to Main Street.

(Ord. No. C2005-22, (§ 9-77), 9-8-05)

Sec. 9-79. Deaf child signs.

Deaf Child signs shall be located at the following locations:

Intersections in the vicinity of 60 Railroad Avenue. (Ord. No. C2005-24, 11-10-05; Ord. No. C2008-5, 5-8-08)

Editor's note—Ord. No. C2005·24, adopted Nov. 10, 2005, amended the Code by the addition of provisions designated as § 9·77; however as provisions designated as such already exist in the Code, the new provisions have been designated as § 9·79 at the discretion of the editor in order to preserve the format of the Code.

Sec. 9-80 Use of all terrain vehicles (ATV) on public ways.

ATV use on town approved public ways are open from April 15 to December 1 from 7:00 AM to dusk. Operation of an ATV will be with the flow of traffic at a speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

The operation of an ATV will be allowed on the following public ways:

- (a) Goff Road from Route 23 to the Sangerville town line approximately nine hundred (900) feet.
- (b) Silvers Mills Road from Route 7 to the Sangerville town line approximately 1.28 miles.
- (c) Liberty Street from the railroad bed to Russ Street.
- (d) Russ Street.
- (e) Water Street from Liberty Street to the municipal parking lot on the South side of Main Street.
- (f) Mill Street from Water Street ending at Spring Street.
- (g) School Street from the railroad bed crossing Main Street to Center Street.
- (h) Center Street from Main Street to Water Street.

(i) Grove Street from the railroad bed to the municipal parking lot on the North side of Main Street.

(Ord. No. C2006-6, 9-8-16; Ord. No. C2018-6, 4-19-18)

Secs. 9-81—9-90. Reserved.

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Sec. 9-91. Manner of parking along curb.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of traffic and with the curb-side wheels of the vehicle within twelve (12) inches of the edge of the roadway except that upon those streets which have been marked or signed for angle parking, vehicles shall be parked at the angle to the curb indicated by such marks or signs.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-92. Prohibited in certain places.

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic-control device in any of the following places:

- (a) On any sidewalk;
- (b) In front of any public or private driveway;
- (c) Within fifteen (15) feet of any hydrant;
- (d) On any crosswalk;
- (e) Within fifteen (15) feet of any intersection;
- (f) Within twenty (20) feet approaching a slow or stop sign;
- (g) On the roadway side of any other vehicle, stopped or parked at the edge of the street, commonly called double parking;
- (h) At any place where official signs or red or yellow painted curb markings prohibit parking;

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- (i) On any street at any time in such a manner as to impede, hinder, or block traffic on the street;
- (j) On any street at any time so as to obstruct, hinder, or impede the operation of emergency vehicles.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-93. Commercial vehicles over one ton.

Commercial vehicles, of over one (1) ton registration, for the purpose of loading or unloading, or performing other necessary service, may stop or stand or park, but only in such manner as shall not impede the passage of other vehicles.

Such commercial vehicles shall not be parked on Main Street between the traffic light and Zions Hill Road for any other purpose than necessary loading or unloading of goods and merchandise.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-94. Interfering with, hindering snow removal.

- (a) No vehicle shall be parked at any time upon any public street or way so as to interfere with or hinder the removal of snow from the street or way by plowing, loading or hauling of snow by the town.
- (b) Any police officer may cause any vehicle so parked on any street or way as to interfere with or hinder the removal of snow by plowing, loading or hauling of snow by the town to be removed from the street or way and placed in a suitable parking place off the street at the expense of the owner of such vehicle.
- (c) The placing of snow, ice or slush in a public way that has not accumulated naturally constitutes an illegal obstruction (see subsection 11-29(3) of the Dexter Town Code of Ordinances and 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2396).

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-95. Winter parking restrictions.

(a) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the winter months beginning December 1st of each year extending to April 1st of the following year on any street or section of street in the town.

- (b) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in either the upper or lower parking lots of the Hewitt Medical Building, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. during the winter months beginning December 1st of each year extending to April 1st of the following year. Vehicles found in violation of this section will be towed away at the owner's expense.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on Fern Road from the junction of Fern Road and Route 94 northerly 625 feet beginning December 1st of each year extending to April 1st of the following year. Vehicles found in violation of this section will be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03; Ord. No. C2004-4, 3-11-04; Ord. No. C2009-19, 11-11-09)

Sec. 9-96. Designation of senior citizen and disabled parking areas.

- (a) Two (2) parking areas located directly in front of the Morrison Memorial Building on the northerly side of the Main Street are hereby designated as "Senior Citizen Parking Only" and "Handicapped Parking Only" with each area properly marked and appropriate signs placed indicating the designated parking area.
- (b) One (1) parking space on the south side of Main Street adjacent to 26 Main Street is hereby designated as "Handicapped Parking Only" with appropriate signs placed indicating the designated parking area.
- (c) One (1) parking space on Post Office Road adjacent to the post office ramp as "Handicapped Parking Only" with appropriate signs placed indicating the designated parking area. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03; Ord. No. C2009-7, 5-14-09)

Sec. 9-96.1. Two-hour parking on certain streets.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle for more than two (2) hours on any of the following streets or sections of streets within the town between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Fridays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted), or between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Fridays:
 - (1) Church Street (westerly side). From a point opposite the northerly boundary of property now of Dexter Grange southerly to the intersection with Main Street.

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- (2) Spring Street (westerly side). From a point adjacent to 23 Spring Street northerly to Main Street.
- (3) Grove Street (easterly side). From a point adjacent to the northerly boundary of 15 Grove Street southerly to the intersection with Main Street.
- (4) Grove Street (westerly side). From the entrance to the municipal parking lot southerly to Main Street.
- (5) Main Street (northerly side). From Grove Street to the intersection of Zions Hill Road.
- (6) Main Street (southerly side). From Spring Street westerly to a point adjacent to the entrance to the municipal parking lot.
- (7) Post Office Road (westerly and easterly sides of the one-way street). From Main Street Hill to the intersection with Spring Street, in designated parking spaces in front of the Dexter branch of the United States Post Office.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-96.2. Unlawful parking on either side of Shore Road and Old Pond Road.

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle at any time on either side of Shore Road or Old Pond Road, except in those areas clearly marked as authorized for vehicle parking. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-96.3. Unlawful parking on either side of Bryant Road.

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle at any time on either side of Bryant Road starting at the entrance of the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and extending in a northerly direction approximately one hundred (100) feet.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

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Sec. 9-96.4. Unlawful parking on either side of the Hewitt Building driveway.

With the exception of specifically designated parking areas, it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on either side of the Hewitt Building driveway starting at Summer Street extending to the entrance to the main parking area. (Ord. No. C2005-12, 4-14-05)

Sec. 9-96.5. Designated parking—Police department only.

The first parking space on the east side of Grove Street, immediately adjacent to the Dexter Police Department, shall be designated as reserved parking for Dexter Police Department vehicles Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Ord. No. C2004-16, 6-10-04)

Sec. 9-97. Municipal parking lots.

Parking limitations and regulations for the municipal parking lots are addressed in section 13-75 of the Dexter Code of Ordinances. Vehicle speeds in municipal parking lots shall be limited to fifteen (15) miles per hour. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-98. Registered owner's responsibility for violation.

No person shall allow any vehicle registered in his/her name to park on any street, way, highway, road or parkway under the control of the town that is in violation of any provision of this article or any ordinance of the town. (Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

Sec. 9-99. Violation; penalty and fine.

Any person violating any parking regulation addressed in this article may be subject to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.

(Ord. No. C2003-24, 10-9-03)

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