

Town of Belmont, NH



Rideshare Ordinance

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A. Facility Purpose

The Town of Belmont provides a Rideshare Facility in promotion of the following purposes:

1. provide a centralized, convenient meeting place for use by commuters to park vehicles while participating in carpools or using transit services;
2. promote ridesharing to provide an alternative way for commuters to travel to and from destinations;
3. reduce travel costs, traffic congestion and environmental impacts;
4. provide a secondary access to the adjacent Town Forest.

B. Ordinance Purpose and Authority

This Ordinance is enacted by the Belmont Board of Selectmen under the authority of NH RSA 41:11 and 41:11-a to regulate the use of the Belmont Rideshare facility for the following purposes:

1. promote the safety and welfare of the municipality and persons using the facility;
2. promote the aesthetic value of the facility as representative of the Town's "presence" on Laconia Road and as a municipal information site;
3. protect the facility from damage and misuse;
4. minimize the fiscal impact on the Town for the maintenance and care of the facility;
5. minimize impact to abutting properties.

C. Operation, Administration and Enforcement

This Ordinance shall be administered by the Town Administrator under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. The Town Administrator shall develop operational and maintenance procedures for the site.

Enforcement of the terms of this Ordinance shall be by the Board of Selectmen. Vehicles removed under the terms of this ordinance shall be removed at the owner's expense.

Violations of this Ordinance are subject to a fine of \$100 per instance, per day.

D. Regional Use

The use of the site is not limited to residents of the community and is open to all commuters for the purposes herein specified.

E. Fees

No fees shall be charged to park at the Rideshare facility.

F. Parking Time Limit

The use of the facility is for short-term commuter parking. Vehicles on site in excess of 72 hours shall be considered abandoned under RSA 262:40-a(II) and are subject to removal under the terms of this Ordinance. Notice of this section shall be posted on site.

G. Approved Vehicles

Due to lot size and available turning radii and maneuvering area, and to reduce pavement damage by heavy vehicles, parking is limited to appropriately registered passenger cars and motorcycles. Bicycles are also allowed. Commercial vehicles are prohibited.

H. Signage

Only signage approved and erected by the Town is allowed. Signage may include site name, site directional, facility rules, Town Forest related signage and general municipal information.

I. Prohibited Uses

The following are prohibited:

1. Loitering
2. Abandoned vehicles
3. Commercial vehicles
4. Littering or dumping
5. Unpermitted signage

J. Liability

The Town of Belmont assumes no liability for injury or damage occurring as a result of the public's use of the facility.

Signed and Approved on: *July 5, 2005*

Brian Watterson

Brian Watterson, Board of Selectmen, Chairman

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Reginald Caldwell, Board of Selectmen, Vice Chairman

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OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

1. The Police Department shall monitor the site in the course of their regular duties to minimize loitering.
2. The Public Works Department shall police the site for trash in the course of their regular duties. Items collected shall be appropriately disposed of. No trash receptacles shall be provided.
3. The Police Department shall report any lighting problem to the Town Administrator's office. Site lighting shall be maintained and repaired when necessary in a timely fashion.
4. The Public Works Department shall report any vehicles left in excess of 72 hours or prohibited vehicles to the Town Administrator's office. If arrangements have not been made with that office in regards to the vehicle, the Police Department shall be notified to have the vehicle removed. The Town Administrator shall also inform the Police Department of any vehicle approved to be left beyond 72 hours.
5. Signage stating facility use Rules shall be posted and maintained. At a minimum, signage shall include:
 - The site Street address
 - Emergency number 911
 - Release of municipal liability
 - Rules/Prohibited uses (Temporary Rideshare parking, Passenger Vehicles only, No commercial vehicles, 72 hour parking limit, No loitering/littering, Vehicles removed at owner's expense)
 - Town Administrator's office as contact
6. A secured bicycle rack shall be provided.