

CHAPTER 203
PUBLIC SAFETY ORDINANCE
TOWN OF GRAY MAINE

Enacted January 16, 2001

Whereas, the Municipal Officers for the Town of Gray have become aware of public safety concerns regarding vehicle and pedestrian traffic on public ways and public easements;

Whereas, Municipal Officers have the exclusive authority to enact ordinances regulating traffic and parking on public ways and on public property, including vehicular and pedestrian traffic, handicapped parking and vehicles for hire per 30-A MRSA Section 3009;

Whereas, the Municipal Officers of the Town of Gray find it necessary to promote the health, welfare, and safety of the public and that restrictions on motor vehicles be administered under a comprehensive Ordinance;

Whereas, the Town of Gray identifies the need for a comprehensive and complete Public Safety Ordinance regulating;

- The operation of motor vehicles within the Town.
- Pedestrian traffic.
- Licensing and inspection of vehicles for hire.
- Establishment of Emergency Lanes on public ways and public easements that are open to the public.
- Enforcement of Handicap Parking areas on public ways and public easements open to the public.
- Removal and disposal of snow and sleet from public ways and public easements that are adjacent to public ways.
- Enforcement against violations involving obstruction of any public ways, pedestrian way, or sidewalk.
- Enforcement against obstruction of any fire hydrant, hose, or any other fire-fighting equipment or machine.
- Vendors and sellers of wares and goods from any public way, pedestrian way, or sidewalk.
- Noise.
- Animal Control.
- Traffic Control Devices and Traffic Slowing Devices.
- Road Closings.
- The use of public ways and public easement for recreational vehicles.

Whereas, the Town of Gray has the authority under the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated to enact such an Ordinance it is hereby proclaimed that the following rules, regulations, fines, fees, actions, and sanctions are enacted;

Now therefore, the Town of Gray does hereby adopt this consolidated Ordinance regulating motor vehicles within the Town of Gray, hereby repealing and replacing any and all other ordinances which are inconsistent herewith.

The Municipal Officers shall, from time to time, direct the Town Manager to erect and maintain appropriate signs, markings, and devices reflecting action taken by the said Municipal Officers in restricting the use of designated portions of the public streets and highways, as it shall from time to time decide. The restrictions to be authorized by the Municipal Officers shall include but not be limited to the following:

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- Pedestrian traffic.
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The Municipal Officers hereby direct the Town Manager and his/her designees to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and to establish the appropriate town policies and regulations in accordance with this ordinance. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to establish, regulate and enforce all traffic and parking in conformance with the provisions of this Ordinance, provided that in the event of a fire, disaster, or any other emergency, or to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers may temporarily direct traffic or parking as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of this Ordinance or any other ordinance.