

# CHAPTER 181

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## **CHAPTER 181 - TRAFFIC AND SPECIAL EVENT MANAGEMENT**

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[HISTORY: Adopted 6/7/2012 by the Merrimack Town Council; Amended 12-21-2017]

### **§ 181-01 Purpose**

The Merrimack Town Council recognizes that certain planned special events conducted within the Town of Merrimack may, from time to time, require action by the Town Council to manage the traffic, parking and pedestrian circulation associated with such events to ensure the safety/convenience of the participants, residents and businesses of the Town of Merrimack. Accordingly, and in response to specific traffic and safety concerns created by such special events, the Town Council may vote to enact a Traffic and Special Event Management Plan as provided for herein.

### **§ 181-02 Definitions**

**Special Event** - For the purposes of this section, the phrase "Special Event" shall mean any planned occurrence which, in the opinion of the Police Chief and Town Manager, causes or may cause an adverse effect upon public safety and welfare such that adoption of a Traffic and Special Event Management Plan is warranted.

### **§ 181-03 General Provisions**

In the event the Town Manager, in consultation with the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Director of Public Works, concludes that an upcoming special event is likely to create traffic and/or safety concerns, the Town Manager shall bring forth a Traffic and Special Event Management Plan to the Town Council for consideration and approval at any single regular or special meeting. The proposed Traffic and Special Event Management Plan shall include the duration of the Plan and a description of any of the following proposed requirements, restrictions or actions:

1. Roads subject to closure or local traffic only.
2. Restrictions on parking along town roads.
3. Required traffic, event or pedestrian police or security details.
4. Designation of overflow parking to offsite or alternative locations.
5. Limitations on pedestrian circulation to certain routes or locations.
6. Location and type of any postings, signalization or signage required.
7. Such other actions or restrictions as deemed appropriate and necessary.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent, restrict or abrogate the authority of the Town of Merrimack, or any Department thereof, to take any action as may be otherwise permitted or required by local, state or federal law, land use approval or any specific development agreement.

**§ 181-04 Emergency Exceptions**

After consultation and when deemed necessary by the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Director of Public Works, and the Town Manager, whether during emergency conditions or otherwise, shall temporarily allow for specific traffic, parking and pedestrian exceptions until such time the Town Council may be afforded an opportunity to vote on a Traffic and Special Event Management Plan if applicable.

**§ 181-05 Penalties**

The penalties for violation of any restrictions or condition imposed by this ordinance or by the associated Traffic and Special Event Management Plans are as follows:

- A. Parking Violations.....\$25.00
- B. Unlawful Use of Closed Roads.....\$100.00
- C. Unlawful Use of Road Closed to Local Traffic Only.....\$100.00
- D. Pedestrian Violations.....\$25.00

The Merrimack Police Department shall have primary authority to enforce violations of this Ordinance and any Traffic and Special Event Management Plans adopted pursuant hereto.

Authenticated:

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Nancy M. Harrington, Town Council Chairman

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Diane Trippett, Town Clerk / Tax Collector

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