TOWN OF BALDWIN
SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA
PARKING ORDINANCE #2003-01
Revised December 1, 2003

WHEREAS, the Town of Baldwin is entitled to exercise powers as set forth in MSA Chapter 368, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Baldwin in the exercise of its authority over streets, sidewalks, and public grounds and for the general welfare of the community does hereby adopt the following parking ordinances:

Section PO1. Presumption. As to any vehicle parking in violation of Baldwin Township parking Ordinances when the driver thereof is not present, is shall be presumed that the owner parked the same or that the driver was acting as the agent of the owner.

The term "vehicle" as used in this ordinance means any device in or upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street, highway, alley or trail and does include trailers, motorcycles, snowmobiles, bicycles, all-terrain vehicles and all vehicles required to be licensed.

Section PO2. General Parking Prohibitions. It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the specific directions of a peace officer or traffic control device in any of the following places:

1. On a sidewalk or trailway;
2. In front of a public or private driveway or trailway;
3. Within an intersection;
4. Within ten feet of a mailbox;
5. On a crosswalk;
6. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at any intersection;
7. Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of the roadway;
8. Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of railway crossing;
9. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
10. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
11. At any place where official signs prohibit or restrict stopping, parking or both;
12. In any alley, except for loading or unloading and then only so long as reasonably necessary for such loading and unloading to or from adjacent premises;
13. On any boulevard which has been curbed;
14. On any portion of a street or highway or other public property between the roadway and abutting property, unless within a residential driveway not exceeding 24 feet wide when the distance between the garage and the road right of way is less than 12 feet and the intrusion does not extend to within 5 feet of the traveled roadway;
15. Between any adjacent roadways which are part of a street or highway.

Section PO3. Recreational Camping Vehicle Parking. Subd. 1. Definition. The term "recreational camping vehicle' means any of the following:

A. *Travel trailer* means a vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, and vacation uses, permanently identified "travel trailer" by the manufacturer of the trailer.

B. *Pickup coach* means a structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel recreation and vacation.

C. *Motor home* means a portable, temporary building to be used for travel, recreation and vacation, constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle.

D. *Camping trailer* means a folding structure, mounted on wheels and designed for travel, recreation and vacation uses.

Subd. 2. *Unlawful act.* It is unlawful for any person to leave or park a recreational camping vehicle on or within the limits of any street or right-of-way for a continuous period in excess of 24 hours. During such 24-hour period, such vehicle shall not be occupied as living quarters.

Section PO4. Display of vehicle for sale. No person shall place a vehicle on a highway to display the same for sale or exchange. A vehicle shall be deemed to be displayed in violation of this section when found standing upon a street or highway bearing a sign indicating that it is for sale or exchange.

Section PO5. Overnight parking. No person may park or permit any vehicle to stand upon any highway, street, alley, Town-owned parking lot or any other public property in the Town for more than 24 consecutive hours except in areas designed for such parking by signs erected by authority of the Town Board of Supervisors, and except in emergency situations where prior authorization for the parking has been obtained from a peace officer.

Section PO6. Commercial motor vehicles. No motor vehicle over one-ton capacity bearing a commercial license and no commercially licensed trailer may be parked on any street or roadway in any area in the Town which is zoned residential, except when such vehicle is engaged in loading and unloading or rendering a service in the area involved.

Section PO7. Private Property; owner permission required. No person may park or permit any vehicle to stand upon any public or private property that is sodded or landscaped and is maintained as a boulevard or open yard space adjacent to a street, highway or parking lot, except with the permission of the owner of the property.

Section PO8. Abandoned motor vehicles; penalty. (a) No abandoned motor vehicle shall remain upon any street or highway in the Town. Any vehicle which is permitted to remain upon any street or highway in the Town in excess of seventy-two (72) consecutive hours or any vehicle lacking vital component parts shall be presumed to be abandoned and may be immediately removed and impounded by any peace officer or duly authorized person in accordance with this code.

Section PO9. Illegally parked vehicle removal. Subd. 1. *Nuisance.* Any vehicle parked in violation of any Town ordinance is declared a nuisance and may be summarily abated by removing the vehicle by or under the direction or at the request of a peace office to a place of storage by means of towing truck. The peace officer may require the driver or owner to remove the vehicle off the paved, improved or traveled portion of the street.

Section P10. Recovery of stored vehicles. Before the owner or his agent is permitted to remove a vehicle from the place of storage, the owner must:

A. Furnish satisfactory evidence to the person in charge of the storage area of his identity and ownership of the vehicle; and

B. Pay any storage charge to the person in charge of the storage area for the towing and storage of the vehicle.

Section P11. Winter Parking. The winter parking section is in effect November 1 through April 15. During that time no person shall park any motor vehicle on any township road 24 hours a day. The purpose is to provide safe and efficient snow removal throughout the township. Any vehicle parked in violation will be authorized to be towed by any employee or independent contractor of the township.

Section P12. Violation is a petty misdemeanor. Every person who violates a section, subdivision, paragraph or provision of this chapter when he/she performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful or fails to act when such failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by fine as a petty misdemeanor.

The foregoing Ordinance # 2003-01 was adopted by the Baldwin Town Board of Supervisors, this 1st day of December 2003.

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By: Jess A. Hall

Jess A. Hall
Baldwin Township Chair

ATTEST:

Cathy L. Stevens

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Clerk/Treasurer