Title: Ordinance to regulate Parking

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

TOWN OF LAGRANGE

WALWORTH COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 03-002

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE PARKING

The Town Board of the Town of LaGrange adopts this Ordinance regulating parking as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITION.

"Motor vehicle" means a vehicle, including a combination of two or more vehicles or an articulated vehicle, which is self-propelled, except a vehicle operated exclusively on a rail. It includes, without limitation, a commercial motor vehicle or a vehicle propelled by electric power.

SECTION 2. UNATTENDED VEHICLES ABANDONED.

No person shall leave unattended any motor vehicle, trailer, semi trailer, snowmobile or mobile home (hereafter "vehicle") on any public highway or private or public property, for such time and under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. Except as provided in Sec. 342.40 Stats., whenever any vehicle has been left unattended without the permission of the property owner for more than 48 hours, the vehicle is deemed abandoned and constitutes a public nuisance. Police officers of the Law Enforcement Services Department or the Road Commissioner shall follow the procedures set forth in Sec. 342.40 Stats., as amended from time to time, for disposal of such abandoned vehicles.

SECTION 3. PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

No person shall leave or park any motor vehicle, trailer, semi trailer, mobile home or snowmobile on private property without the consent of the owner or lessee of the property or contrary to a sign posted on the private property. Police officers of the Law Enforcement Services Department or the Road Commissioner may have the offending vehicle removed by a towing operator upon receipt of a formal complaint and issuance of a citation for illegal parking pursuant to Sec. 349.13 (3m) Stats., as amended from time to time.

SECTION 4. UNATTENDED VEHICLES AT LAKE ACCESS AND BOAT LAUNCH AREAS.

No person shall leave a motor vehicle or trailer unattended, whether the motor is running or is turned off, or park a vehicle or trailer at access and boat launch areas except in designated parking areas. All vehicles left unattended in violation of this Section are deemed to be an obstruction pursuant to Sec. 349.13 (3) Stats., as amended from time to time, and may be removed under the direction of police officers of the Law Enforcement Services Department or the Road Commissioner.

SECTION 5. NO PARKING ON ROADS AND IN AREAS POSTED "NO PARKING."

No person shall leave a motor vehicle or trailer unattended, with the motor turned off, or park a vehicle or trailer on any road or area posted "No parking."

SECTION 6. COSTS AND PENALTIES.

A. Towing and Costs. The Town Board shall annually designate a towing operator responsible for removing, storing, returning and disposing of motor vehicles, trailers, semi trailers, snowmobiles and motor homes (hereafter vehicle) pursuant to this ordinance. The towing operator may charge reasonable rates. If the Town incurs charges, the vehicle owner shall pay such charges to the Town. The towing operator shall file a quarterly written report with the Town Clerk setting forth all vehicles towed, stored, returned and disposed of.

B. Penalties. Each violation is subject to a minimum forfeiture of $25.00 and a maximum forfeiture of $100.00 plus costs, including towing charges incurred by the Town, and assessments and up to 5 days in the County Jail for failure to pay.

SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT AND BOND

This ordinance may be enforced by a Town of LaGrange Police Officer or the Road Commissioner issuing a citation pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 66.0113 Stats., as amended from time to time. The amount

of the bond shall be $25.00 to assure the person's appearance in court. The bond shall be forfeited for failure to appear in court.

Adopted by the Town Board of LaGrange on the 14 day of April, 2003.

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