



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

TOWN OFFICES
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TRAFFIC RULES AND ORDERS

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At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held in Williamsburg on May 9, 1973 the following vote was duly passed:

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Williamsburg, acting by virtue of the power given to it by Chapter 40, Section 22, of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) and by virtue of any other power it hereto enabling, hereby adopts and makes the following rules and orders for the regulation of traffic upon the streets and highways of said Town, the same to be known as Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town of Williamsburg insofar as the said rules and orders or any of them are the same as any valid regulations, rules and orders now in force, they shall be deemed to be a continuation thereof.

ARTICLE I

For the purpose of these rules and orders, the words and phrases used herein shall have the following meanings except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

- (a) "Street or Highway". The entire width between property lines of every way open to the use of the public for the purpose of travel.
- (b) "Roadway". That portion of a street or highway between the regularly established curb lines or that part, exclusive of shoulders, improved and intended to be used for vehicular traffic.
- (c) "Lane". A longitudinal division of a roadway into a strip of sufficient width to accommodate the passage of a single line of vehicles.
- (d) "Vehicle". Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon any street or highway, including bicycles when the provisions of these rules are applicable to them, except other devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.
- (e) "Parking". The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in obedience to an officer or traffic signs or signals, or while making emergency repairs or, if disabled, while arrangements are being made to move such vehicle.
- (f) "Official Traffic Signs". All signs, markings and devices, other than signals, not inconsistent with these rules and orders, and which conform to the standards prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning or regulating traffic.

- (g) "Officer". For the purpose of these rules and orders an officer shall be construed to mean any officer, any constable or special officer, provided he has his badge of office displayed over his left breast and upon his outer garmet.
- (h) "Emergency Vehicles". Vehicles of the Fire Department, Police vehicles, ambulances and emergency vehicle of Federal, State and municipal departments or public service corporations when the latter are responding to an emergency in relation to the Police or Fire Departments.
- (i) "Official Street Marking". Any painted line, legend, marking or marker of any description painted or placed upon any way which purports to direct or regulate traffic and which has been authorized by the Board of Selectmen and which has the written approval of the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- (j) "Person". The word "person" shall mean and include any individual, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

ARTICLE II

AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF POLICE

Section 1. Police to Direct Traffic.

It shall be the duty of the Police Officers to enforce the provisions of these rules and orders. Police Officers are hereby authorized to direct all traffic either in person or by means of visible or audible signal in conformance with the provisions of these rules and orders, provided that in the event of a fire or other emergency, to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police or Fire Department may direct traffic as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of these rules and orders.

Section 2. Police May Close Streets Temporarily.

The police may close temporarily any street or highway in an impending or existing emergency, or for any lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession provided there is reasonable justification for the closing of such street.

Section 3. Police May Prohibit Parking Temporarily.

The police may prohibit, temporarily, parking on any street or highway or part thereof in an impending or existing emergency, or for a lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession provided there is reasonable justification for such prohibition. Vehicles parked in places where parking is prohibited temporarily may be ~~moved by or~~ under the direction of an officer, *at the owner's expense, towed*

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Section 4. Exemptions.

The provisions of these rules and orders shall not apply to operators actually engaged in work upon a street or highway closed to travel or under construction or repair, to officers when engaged in the performance of public duties nor to drivers of emergency vehicles while operating in any emergency and in performance of public duties when the nature of the work of any of these necessitates a departure from any part of these rules and orders. These exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any vehicles from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

ARTICLE III

TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS, MARKINGS AND ZONES

Section 1. Interference with Signs, Signals and Markings Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully deface, injure, move, obstruct or interfere with any official traffic sign, signal or marking.

Section 2.

No driver of any vehicle shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic control signal, sign, marking, marker or legend, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

ARTICLE IV

PARKING

Section 1. General Prohibitions.

No person shall stand or park and no person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand or park in any of the following places:

- a. Within an intersection
- b. Upon any sidewalk
- c. Upon any crosswalk
- d. Upon the roadway in a rural or sparsely settled district
- e. Upon a roadway where parking is permitted unless both wheels on the right side of the vehicle are within twelve (12) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway, except upon those streets which are designated as one-way streets. On such one-way streets vehicles shall be parked in the direction in which said vehicle is moving and with both wheels within twelve (12) inches of the curb.
- f. Upon any roadway where the parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed lane at least fifteen (15) feet wide for passing traffic. (amendment approved September 8, 1981)
- g. Upon any street or highway within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant (Amendment approved September 8, 1981)
- h. In front of any private road or driveway
- i. Upon any street or highway within twenty (20) feet of an intersecting way, except alleys.
- j. In front of a fire station (amendment approved September 8, 1981)
- k. Blocking or impeding snow removal operations (Amendment approved
- l. Double parking " September 8, 1981
- m. Over or across a white line "
- n. On a grass plot "
- o. At a bus stop "

Section 2. Prohibited on Certain Streets (effective only during such times that official Traffic Signs are displayed setting forth the provision Upon the following streets or highways or parts thereof parking is hereby prohibited.

<u>HIGH STREET</u>	East Side from Route 9 to Grove Street
<u>BRIDGE STREET</u>	West side from Route 9 to South Main Street
<u>NORTH STREET</u>	At Meekins Library Bus Stop (amendment approved 9/8/1981)
<u>NO PARKING ZONE</u>	- Mon.-Sat. 6:30A.M. - 7:00P.M. (amendment approved " ")
<u>NORTH STREET</u>	East side from intersection at North Main and East Main Streets northerly for a distance of approximately 800 feet

ARTICLE IV SECTION 2 Continued.....

- BRIDGE STREET - West side from Route 9 to South Main Street
(Amendment approved September 1982)
- BRIDGE STREET - East side from Route 9 to 35 feet South of
Mill River - One hour parking
(Amendment approved September 1982)
- BRIDGE STREET - East side 35 feet south of Mill River to
South Main Street - NO PARKING
(Amendment approved September 1982)

Section 3. No All Night Parking.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other than one acting in an emergency, to park said vehicle on any street between the hours of 12:01AM and 6:00AM of any day between December 1st and March 31st of the succeeding year.

ARTICLE V

OPERATION OF VEHICLES

Section 1. (a) Obedience to Isolated Stop Signs

Every driver of vehicle, railway car or other conveyance approaching an intersection of ways where there exists facing him an official sign bearing the work "STOP" or a flashing red signal indication, said sign or signal having apart from these rules and orders, the written approval of the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and such approval being in effect, shall, before proceeding through the intersection, bring such vehicle, railway car or other conveyance to a complete stop at such point as may be clearly marked by a sign or line, or if a point is not so marked, than at the nearer line of crosswalk of the said intersection. In the case of a line of two or more vehicles approaching such "STOP" sign, or flashing red signal indication, the drivers of the second and third vehicle in any group shall not be required to stop more than once before proceeding through the intersection. This section shall not apply when the traffic is otherwise directed by an officer or by a lawful traffic regulating sign, signal, or device.

In accordance with the foregoing, the erection and maintenance of an isolated stop sign, or signs or flashing red signals, as the case may be, these authorized so as to face:

Southbound drivers on Conway Road at Ashfield Road
Westbound drivers on Valley View Road at Nash Hill Road
Southbound drivers on Briar Hill Road at Hemenway Road
Southbound drivers on Old Goshen Road at Hemenway Road
East and Westbound drivers on Village Hill Road at Old Goshen Road
Northbound drivers on Petticoat Hill Road at Chesterfield Road
Northbound drivers on Fort Hill Road at South Main Street
Westbound drivers on Pine Street at High Street
Eastbound drivers on Edwards Street at High Street
Northbound drivers on Kingsley Avenue at High Street
Westbound drivers on North Farms Road at Mountain Street
Eastbound drivers on Adams Road at Mountain Street
Eastbound drivers on O'Neil at Depot Road
Eastbound drivers on North Main Street at North Street
Westbound drivers on East Main Street at North Street
Eastbound drivers on Hemenway Road at Ashfield Road

ARTICLE V. Section 1. Continued.....

b. Flashing Red

When a red lens is illuminated in a traffic control signal by rapid intermittent flashes, and its use has been specifically authorized by the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, drivers shall stop before entering the nearer line of crosswalk of the street intersection, or at a stop line when marked, and the right to proceed shall then be governed by provisions of Chapter 89, Section 8 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.).

ARTICLE VI

RESPONSIBILITY, PENALTIES AND REPEALS

Section 1. Owner Prima Facie Responsible for Violations.

If any vehicle is found upon any street or highway in violation of any provisions of these rules and orders and the identity of the driver cannot be determined, the owner or the person in whose name such vehicle is registered, shall be held prima facie responsible for such violation.

Section 2. Penalties.

Violators of these rules shall pay a fine of five (\$5.00) dollars to the Parking Clerk of the Town of Williamsburg, if payment is made within twenty one (21) days of violation; ten (\$10.00) dollars if paid thereafter but before the parking clerk reports the violation to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles; and fifteen (\$15.00) dollars thereafter.

(Amendment approved September 8, 1981)

Section 3. Repeal

These rules are adopted with the intent that each of them shall have force and effect separately and independently of every other excerpt insofar as by express reference or necessary implication any rule or any part of a rule is made dependent upon another rule or part thereof.

The provisions of these rules so far as they are the same in effect as those of any valid existing rules, orders or regulations heretofore made by the Selectmen of the Town of Williamsburg relative to or in connection with official signs, lights, markings, signal systems or devices shall be construed as a continuation thereof, but all other existing rules, orders and regulations so made for the regulation of vehicles are hereby expressly repealed. This repeal, however, shall not affect any punishment or penalty imposed or complaint or prosecution pending at the time of the passage hereof for an offense committed under any of the valid rules, orders, or regulations hereby repealed.

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TOWN POLICY

No one shall cause water or mud to flow onto a town road, state highway, or authorized subdivision road, if such flow will tend to endanger passers by.

ADMINISTRATION

- A. The Highway Superintendent will determine whether or not such flow will tend to endanger passers by.
- B. Driveways are a frequent source of problems. No one will site a new driveway, or change the grade of an existing driveway without the approval of the Highway Superintendent.

Adopted January 13, 1986

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Board of Selectmen

WILLIAMSBURG, MASS. 01096

September 8, 1981

Rules and Regulations of the Board of Selectmen of Williamsburg, dated May 9, 1973 relating to Traffic Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Article IV, Section 3 to read

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other than one acting in emergency, to park said vehicle on any street between the hours of 12:01 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. on any day between December 1 of one year and March 31 of the succeeding year.

Article IV, Section 1 to read

- f. Upon any roadway where the parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed lane at least fifteen (15) feet wide for passing traffic.
- g. Upon any street or highway within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.
- j. In front of a fire station.
- k. Blocking or impeding snow removal operations.
- l. Double parking.
- m. Over or across a white line.
- n. On a grass plot.
- o. At a bus stop.

Article IV, Section 2 to read

North Street at Meekins Library - Bus Stop.
No Parking Zone - Mon.-Sat. 6:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Article VI, Section 2

Violators of these rules shall pay a fine of five (\$5.00) dollars to the Parking Clerk of the Town of Williamsburg, if payment is made within twenty one (21) days of violation, ten (\$10.00) dollars if paid thereafter but before the parking clerk reports the violation to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and fifteen (\$15.00) dollars thereafter.

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