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Article I - Definitions

Sec. 1.1 Construction of definitions of words and phrases

- (a) The following words and phrases when used in these regulations shall for the purpose of these regulations have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this article, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.
- (b) Whenever any words and phrases used herein are not defined herein but are defined in the State laws regulating the operation of vehicles, any such definition therein shall be deemed to apply to such words and phrases used herein.

Sec. 1.2 Definitions

Abandoned Bicycle

A bicycle with one or more of the following defects that can be removed by the City of Cambridge Public Works Department for public safety and maintenance purposes:

- (a) No tires or wheels
- (b) Have warped wheels or frame
- (c) Missing, rusted or broken chain in such a state that renders the bicycle inoperative.
- (d) Missing or warped handle bars

Alley or Alleyway

A private road serving as a secondary means of access to two or more pieces of property, but not as a primary means of access to any property.

Authorized Emergency Vehicle

Vehicles of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Police, Fire and Emergency Management departments, and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the Traffic Director.

Bicycle

Every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having no more than two tandem wheels either of which is 8" or more in diameter.

Bike Path

A route for the exclusive use of bicycles separated by grade or other physical barrier from other vehicles.

Bike Lane

A lane on a street restricted to bicycles and so designated by means of pavement coloring, lines or other appropriate markings.

Bike Route

A roadway shared by both bicycles and other forms of transportation, may be designated by means of signs and/or pavement markings.

Bicycle Parking Facility

Any facility for the temporary storage of bicycles which allows the frame and one or both wheels to be locked so as to minimize the risk of theft and vandalism.

Bus

Every vehicle designed for carrying more than 9 passengers and used primarily for the transportation of persons either for compensation, as a service, or as an adjunct to a school program.

Bus Lane

A lane or section of roadway designated by means of signs, markings, or other Official Traffic Control Devices as a Bus Lane.

Bus Stop

An area in the roadway adjacent to the curb or edge of roadway, set aside for the boarding of or alighting from buses.

Bus Stand

An area in the roadway adjacent to the curb or edge of roadway, set aside for the parking or layover of buses.

Business District, Central Square

The Central Square Business District for the purposes of these regulations shall be defined as that part of the City of Cambridge comprised of and including the following streets or parts thereof:

Bishop Allen Drive - Main Street to Inman Street

Bigelow Street - Massachusetts Avenue to the north curb line of City Hall drive

Brookline Street - Green Street to Massachusetts Avenue

Central Square

Columbia Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Main Street

Douglas Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue

Essex Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue

Franklin Street - Pearl Street to Pleasant Street

Green Street - Sidney Street to Sellers Street

Inman Street - north curb line of Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue

Magazine Street - Franklin Street to Green Street

Main Street - Massachusetts Avenue to east curb line of Cherry Street

Massachusetts Avenue - west curb line of Sellers Street to the east curb line of Sidney Street

Norfolk Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue

Pearl Street - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue

Pleasant Street - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue

Prospect Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue

River Street - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue

Sellers Street - Green Street to Massachusetts Avenue

Sidney Street - Green Street to Massachusetts Avenue

Temple Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Bishop Allen Drive
Western Avenue - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue

Business District, Harvard Square

The Harvard Square Business District for the purposes of these regulations shall be defined as that part of the City of Cambridge comprised of and including the following streets or parts thereof:

Appian Way - Brattle Street to Garden Street
Bow Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Mount Auburn Street
Brattle Square
Brattle Street - Appian Way to Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge Street - Broadway to Massachusetts Avenue
Church Street - Brattle Street to Massachusetts Avenue
DeWolfe Street - Bow Street to Memorial Drive
Dunster Street - Massachusetts Avenue to South Street
Eliot Street - John F. Kennedy Street to Mount Auburn Street
Farwell Place - Brattle Street to end of street
Garden Street - west curb line of Appian Way to Massachusetts Avenue
Harvard Street - Quincy Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Holyoke Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Mill Street
John F. Kennedy Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Memorial Drive
Linden Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Bow Street
Massachusetts Avenue - north curb line of Cambridge Street to the east curb line of Quincy Street
Mount Auburn Street - west curb line of Story Street to DeWolfe Street
Palmer Street - Church Street to Brattle Street
Peabody Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Cambridge Street
Plympton Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Memorial Drive
Quincy Street - Broadway to Harvard Street
South Street - John F. Kennedy Street to Dunster Street
Story Street - Mount Auburn Street to Brattle Street

Channelizing Island

A traffic island located to guide traffic streams along certain definite paths and to prevent the promiscuous movement of vehicles in what would otherwise be a widely extended roadway area.

Charging Cord

The electric cord that brings electricity from the Electric Vehicle Charging Station to the Charging Port of an Electric Vehicle.

Charging Port

The location on an Electric Vehicle that connects to the Charging Cord from the Charging Station.

Charging Station

Infrastructure that is owned, maintained, and/or operated by the City of Cambridge and/or owned, operated, and/or maintained by a vendor contracted by the City of Cambridge that provides electricity from the electrical grid for the charging of Electric Vehicles.

Coin

Currency approved by the United States Government, manufactured by the Federal Reserve, which is accepted as legal tender for all public and private debts. This includes paper currency and electronic currency (ie. credit card) which has been approved by the Traffic Director, for specially designed parking meters or electronic parking modules.

Commercial Vehicle

Any vehicle registered for commercial purposes and designed and used primarily for the transportation of goods, wares, services or merchandise.

Commercial Vehicle, Heavy

Any commercial vehicle of two and one half (2-1/2) tons gross vehicle weight or over.

Commercial Vehicle Only Loading Zone

Where marked or signed, a space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a commercial license plate during the loading or unloading of materials.

Contra-Flow Bicycle Lane

An exclusive travel lane for bicycles, marked with appropriate pavement markings permitting bicycle travel in the opposite direction from the generally permitted motor vehicle traffic on a street.

Crossover

An opening in a channelizing island that connects both sides of a divided highway.

Crosswalk

That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or continuation of curb lines and property lines at intersections, or at any portion of the roadway clearly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines on the road surface or by other markings or signs.

Curb Loading Zone

A space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of materials and/or persons. Any stop for loading or unloading in a Curb Loading Zone shall not exceed thirty minutes for a vehicle with a commercial vehicle license plate and fifteen minutes for a passenger vehicle license plate.

Divided Highway

A highway with separated roadways for traffic in opposite directions.

Driveway

A private road serving as a means of a vehicular access to a parcel of land abutting a highway or street.

Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Device

A motorized self-balancing device that transports an individual standing on a platform between two wheels and including an upright handle.

Electric Vehicle

Any motor vehicle that is powered in part or in full by electricity from the power grid.

Electric Vehicle Charging

The act of connecting a Charging Cord to a Charging Port on an Electric Vehicle.

Emergency Artery

Any major street or highway designated by the Traffic Director as part of the arterial system of streets or highways for the city.

Flexible Loading Zone

Where marked or signed, a space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of both commercial and passenger vehicles during the loading or unloading of materials and/or persons. Any stop for loading or unloading in a Flexible Loading Zone shall not exceed thirty minutes for a vehicle with either a commercial vehicle license plate or a passenger vehicle license plate.

Inline Skates

Any shoe with an attachment of four or more wheels aligned in a linear fashion.

Intersection

The area embraced within the extensions of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines, of intersecting ways as defined in G.L.c. 90§1, including divided ways.

Laned Roadway

A roadway which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

Motorized Scooter

A vehicle consisting of any two wheeled device that has handlebars or other steering device, designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, which is powered by a motor and not defined as a "motor vehicle" or "motorized bicycle" under Chapter 90, except that an electronic personal assistive mobility device or other mobility device for a person with disabilities shall not be considered a motorized scooter under this section.

Motor Vehicle

All motorized conveyances or vehicles that are subject to G.L. c.90 except as may otherwise herein be defined.

Official Traffic Control Devices

All signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with these rules and regulations, and which conform to the standards prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or by the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Traffic Control Devices and/or The Institute of Transportation Engineers Reference

Manuals." and which are placed or erected by authority of the Traffic Director for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning, or regulating traffic.

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.

Parking Control Officers

Officers of the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, authorized to enforce all parking rules and regulations.

Parking Meter

Any electrical or mechanical device, not inconsistent with the provisions of these regulations, and placed or erected on any public way or public parking lot within the city for the regulation of parking. Each parking meter installed shall indicate by proper legend the legal parking time established by this regulation, and when operated shall at all times indicate the balance of legal parking time permitted, and at the expiration of such period shall indicate illegal or overtime parking.

Parking Meter Space

Any space within a parking meter zone, adjacent to a parking meter which is duly designated for the parking of a single vehicle, by markings on the surface of the street adjacent to, or adjoining each parking meter.

Parking Meter Zone

Any street or portion thereof or parking lot upon which parking meters are installed and in operation and upon which parking of vehicles is permitted for a limited time subject to compliance with the further provisions of these regulations.

Pedestrian

Any person afoot or riding on a conveyance moved by human power, except bicycles, inline skates, scooters and skateboards.

Person

Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

Police Officer or Officers

Every officer of the municipal police department or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrest for violations of traffic regulations.

Private Road

Every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicle travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.

Private Way

A private road furnishing the primary means of access to two or more parcels of land.

Railroad Crossing

Any intersection of ways with a railroad right of way.

Roadway

That portion of a highway between the regularly established curb lines or that part, exclusive of shoulders, improved and intended to be used for vehicular traffic.

Rotary Traffic

The counter clockwise operation of vehicles or a vehicle around an object, structure, or island in the roadway.

Safety Zone

The area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked with pavement markings or indicated by adequate signs, as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

Scooter

A vehicle consisting of a long foot board between two small end wheels, aligned in a linear fashion, controlled by an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel, which is powered by a human.

Sidewalk

That portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for use of pedestrians.

Skateboard

A non-motorized vehicle consisting of a long foot board between two sets of wheels, with steering controlled by weight distribution.

Shared Street

A public right-of-way without a designated sidewalk, where users are permitted to use the entire public right-of-way.

Stand or Standing

Means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

Stop

When required means complete cessation from movement.

Stop or Stopping

When prohibited means any halting even momentarily of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal.

Street or Highway

The entire width between boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

Taxicab Stand

An area in the roadway in which certain taxicabs are required to park while waiting to be engaged.

Traffic

Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, street cars, and other conveyances either singularly or together while using any highway for purposes of travel.

Traffic Control Area

Any area along any way, other than an intersecting way, at which drivers are to be controlled by traffic-control signals.

Traffic Control Signal

Any device using colored lights, which conforms to the standards as prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or by the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and/or The Institute of Transportation Engineers Reference Manuals." whether manually, electrically, or mechanically operated, by which traffic may be alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

Traffic Director

The Director of the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation of the City of Cambridge.

Traffic Division

The traffic division of the Police Department of the City of Cambridge.

Traffic Department

The Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation of the City of Cambridge.

Traffic Island

Any area or space set aside, within a roadway, which is not intended for use by vehicular traffic.

U-Turn

The turning of a vehicle whereby the direction of such vehicle is reversed.

Vehicle

Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, including bicycles and any attachments thereto 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.

Article II - Traffic administration

Sec. 2.1 Duty of police department

It shall be the duty of the Police Department to enforce the street traffic regulations of this city and all of the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in this city, to make arrests for traffic violations, to investigate accidents and to cooperate with the Traffic Director and other officers of the city in the administration of the traffic laws and in developing ways and means to improve traffic conditions, and to carry out those duties specially imposed upon said division by these regulations.

Sec. 2.2 Traffic division to investigate accidents

It shall be the duty of the traffic division, assisted by other police officers of the department, to investigate traffic accidents, to arrest and to assist in the prosecution of those persons charged with violations of law causing or contributing to such accidents.

Sec. 2.3 Traffic accident studies

Whenever the accidents at any particular location become numerous, the traffic division shall cooperate with the Traffic Director in conducting studies of such accidents and determining remedial measures.

Sec. 2.4 Traffic accident reports

The traffic division shall maintain a suitable system of filing traffic accident reports. Accident reports or cards referring to them shall be filed alphabetically by location. Such reports shall be available for the use and information of the Traffic Director.

Sec. 2.5 Drivers files to be maintained

- (a) The Police Commissioner shall keep a record of all operators involved in accidents within his/her municipality.
- (b) The Police Commissioner shall report to the registrar of motor vehicles such operators as are found to be constant violators of these regulations.

Sec. 2.6 Police department to submit annual traffic safety report

The Police Department shall annually prepare a traffic report which shall be filed with the City Manager and Traffic Director. Such report shall contain information on traffic matters in this city as follows:

- (a) The number of traffic accidents, the number of persons killed, the number of persons injured, and other pertinent traffic accident data;
- (b) The number of traffic accidents investigated and other pertinent data on the safety activities of the police;
- (c) The plans and recommendations of the division for future traffic safety activities.

Sec. 2.7 Police department to designate method of identifying funeral processions

The Police Department shall designate a type of pennant or other identifying insignia to be displayed upon, or other method to be employed to identify the vehicles in funeral processions.

Sec. 2.8 Duties of the traffic director

The Traffic Director shall adopt, alter or repeal rules and regulations, relative to vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the streets of the city and to the movement, stopping, standing or parking, of vehicles on, and their exclusion from, any or all streets under the control of the city; and shall erect, make and maintain, or cause to be erected, made and maintained all traffic control devices, warning and guide signs; and shall prescribe a schedule of fines for all regulations; as authorized by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sec. 2.9 Emergency and experimental regulations

The Traffic Director shall make all emergency, temporary or experimental regulations to cover emergency or special conditions.

Sec. 2.10 Traffic board

The traffic board shall be constituted as provided by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall have the power under certain conditions to void regulations made by the Traffic Director as provided by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Article III - Enforcement and obedience to traffic regulations

Sec. 3.1 Authority of police and fire department officials

- (a) Officers of the Police Department or such officers as are assigned by the Police Commissioner are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand, or signal in conformance with traffic laws, provided that, in the event of a fire or other emergency in order to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police Department may direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws.
- (b) Officers of the Fire Department, when at the scene of a fire, may assist the police in directing, or, in the absence of police, may direct traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.
- (c) No officer shall, except in the event of a fire or other emergency, turn-off, or turn to flashing, any traffic signal not specifically arranged for manual control without specific permission from the Police Commissioner or in his/her absence the officer in charge of the Police Department, or the Traffic Director, or in his/her absence, the person in charge of the Traffic Department. In the event of a fire or emergency the officer shall make a record of the time placed to flashing and the time restored back into normal service and report these times to the Police Commissioner and Traffic Director as soon as practical.

Sec. 3.2 Obedience to police and fire department officials

No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of an officer as defined in Article 1, relating to the direction, control or regulation of traffic. Any person acting in conformity with any such order or direction shall be relieved from the observance of these rules and regulations with which it conflicts.

Sec. 3.3 Persons propelling push carts or riding animals to obey traffic regulations

Every person propelling any push cart or riding an animal upon a roadway, and every person driving any animal-drawn vehicle, shall be subject to the provisions of these regulations applicable to the driver of any vehicle, except those provisions of these regulations which by their very nature can have no application.

Sec. 3.4 Use of coasters, roller skates and similar devices restricted

No person upon roller skates, or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device, shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk and when so crossing such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to pedestrians.

Sec. 3.5 Public employees to obey traffic regulations

The provisions of these regulations shall apply to the driver of any vehicle owned by or used in the service of the United States Government, this State, County, or City, and it shall be unlawful for any said driver to violate any of the provisions of these regulations, except as otherwise permitted in these regulations or by State statute.

Sec. 3.6 Exemptions

The provisions of these rules and regulations shall not apply to drivers 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 their public duties, or to drivers of emergency vehicles while operating in an emergency and in performance of their public duties, when the nature of the work of any of these necessitates departure from any part of these rules and regulations. These exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

Article IV - Traffic control devices

Sec. 4.1 Authority to install traffic control devices

The Traffic Director shall place and maintain traffic-control signs, signals, and devices when and as required under the traffic regulations of this city to make effective the provisions of said regulations, and may place and maintain such additional traffic-control devices as he/she may deem necessary to regulate traffic under the traffic regulations of this city or under state law or to guide or warn traffic.

Sec. 4.2 Manual and specifications for traffic control devices

All traffic-control signs, signals and devices shall conform to specifications approved by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or by the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and/or The Institute of Transportation Engineers Reference Manuals." All signs and signals required hereunder for a particular purpose shall so far as practicable be uniform as to type and location throughout the city. All traffic-control devices so erected by order of the Traffic Director and not inconsistent with the provisions of state law or these regulations shall be official traffic-control devices.

Sec. 4.3 Obedience to official traffic control devices

The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic-control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the provisions of these regulations unless otherwise directed by a traffic or police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in these regulations.

Sec. 4.4 When official traffic control devices required for enforcement purposes

No provision of these regulations for which official traffic-control devices are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official device is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that official traffic-control devices are required, such section shall be effective even though no devices are erected or in place.

Sec. 4.5 Traffic-control signal legend

Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in combination, only the-colors Green, Red and Yellow shall be used, except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word legend or approved symbol, and said lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

(a) Green Signal Indication

- (1) Drivers of vehicles facing a circular green indication may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. However drivers of vehicles, including those turning right or left, shall yield the right of way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.
- (2) Drivers of vehicles facing a green arrow indication, shown alone or in combination with another indication may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same time. Such drivers shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
- (3) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in Section 4.6 or 4.7, pedestrians facing any green indication, except when the sole green indication is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked crosswalk, in the direction of the green indication.

(b) Steady Yellow Signal Indication

- (1) While the yellow indication is illuminated, waiting drivers shall not proceed and any other driver approaching the intersection or marked stop line, shall stop at such point unless so close to the intersection that a stop cannot be made in safety, provided however, that if a green arrow is illuminated at the same time, drivers may enter the intersection to make the movement permitted by such arrow
- (2) Pedestrians facing a steady yellow indication, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in Section 4.6 or 4.7, are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown and no pedestrian shall then start to cross the roadway.

(c) Steady Red Signal Indication

- (1) Drivers of vehicles facing a steady circular red indication alone shall stop at a (i) clearly marked stop line, or if none, (ii) before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none (iii) before entering the intersection. After stopping; the driver of the vehicle may make either (i) a right turn or (ii) if on a one-way street a left turn to another one-way street, but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic proceeding as directed by the signal at said intersection except as provided below.
- (2) No driver of a vehicle facing a red indication shall make a right turn where official "No Turn on Red" traffic signs are installed and maintained prohibiting such turn, at intersections as described in Schedule 4A incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (3) No driver of a vehicle facing a red indication shall make a left turn from a one-way street into another one-way street, where official traffic signs are installed and maintained prohibiting such turn at intersections as described in Schedule 4A incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (4) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in Section 4.6 or 4.7, pedestrians facing a steady red signal alone shall not enter the roadway.

(d) Pedestrian Signal Indication

Whenever the signal word "Walk" or approved walk symbol is illuminated, pedestrians facing such indication may proceed across the roadway and in the direction of such signal only.

(e) Mid-Block Signals

In the event an official traffic-control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of the section shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made at the signal.

Sec. 4.6 Pedestrian-Control Signals

Whenever special pedestrian-control signals exhibiting the words "Walk", "Don't Walk" or approved symbol are in place, such signals shall indicate as follows:

- (a) Walk. Pedestrians facing such signals may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by the drivers of all vehicles.
- (b) Flashing Don't Walk. No pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety island while the Flashing Don't Walk signal is showing.
- (c) Steady Don't Walk. No pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal.

Sec. 4.7 Flashing Signals

- (a) Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in a traffic sign or signal it shall require obedience by drivers of vehicles as follows:

- (1) Flashing red (stop signal). When a red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked, or if none, then before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.
 - (2) Flashing yellow (caution signal). When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or pass such signal only with caution.
- (b) This section shall not apply at railroad grade crossings. Conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching railroad grade crossings shall be governed by the rules as set forth in Section 8.5 of these regulations.

Sec. 4.8 Lane-direction-control signals

When lane-direction-control signals are placed over the individual lanes of a street or highway, drivers of vehicles may travel in any lane over which a green signal is shown, but shall not enter or travel in any lane over which a red signal is shown.

Sec. 4.9 Display of unauthorized signs, signals or markings

- (a) No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any highway an unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal.
- (b) No person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising.
- (c) Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the authority having jurisdiction over the highway is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.

Sec. 4.10 Interference with official traffic-control devices or railroad signs or signals

No person shall, without lawful authority, attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down or remove any official traffic-control device or any other part thereof.

Sec. 4.11 Traffic director to designate crosswalks and establish safety zones

The Traffic Director is hereby authorized:

- (a) To designate and maintain, by appropriate devices, marks, or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where in his/her opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at such other places as he/she may deem necessary.
- (b) To establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as he/she may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians.

Sec. 4.12 Traffic lanes

The Traffic Director is hereby authorized to mark traffic lanes upon the roadway of any street or highway where a regular alignment of traffic is necessary.

Article V - Speed regulations

Sec. 5.1 Speed limits in thickly settled and business districts

Pursuant to Section 193 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, "An Act Modernizing Municipal Finance and Government", the Traffic Director sets the speed limit at twenty-five (25) miles per hour on all ways located within "thickly settled or business districts" as defined by G.L. c. 90, § 1, unless otherwise posted, and it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of this limit in any location so declared in these regulations.

Sec. 5.2 Safety zones

Pursuant to Section 194 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, "An Act Modernizing Municipal Finance and Government" the Traffic Director sets the speed limit at twenty (20) miles per hour on certain ways, as described in Schedule R "Twenty (20) Miles Per Hour Safety Zones" incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department, and it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of this limit in any location so declared in these regulations described in Schedule R incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department, when signs are in place giving notice thereof.

Sec. 5.3 State speed laws applicable

The state traffic laws regulating the speed of vehicles, including as detailed in Section 5.1 and 5.2 of this article, shall be applicable upon all streets within this city, except as these regulations, as authorized by state law, hereby declare and determine upon the basis of engineering and traffic investigation that certain speed regulations shall be applicable upon specified streets or in certain areas, in which event it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of any speed so declared in these regulations described in Schedule 2 incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department, when signs are in place giving notice thereof.

Article VI - Turning movements

Sec. 6.1 Required position and method of turning at intersections

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so in the manner described in G.L. c.90, §14 .

Sec. 6.2 Authority to place and obedience to turning markers

- (a) The Traffic Director is authorized to place markers, buttons, or signs within or adjacent to intersections indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning at such intersections.
- (b) The Traffic Director is authorized to place markers, buttons, or signs within or adjacent to intersections indicating that certain lanes are to be used for turning movements only described in Schedule A incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (c) When authorized markers, buttons, or other indications are placed within an intersection indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning thereat, or indicating that vehicles in certain lanes must turn, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of such indications.

Sec. 6.3 Authority to place restricted turn signs

The Traffic Director is hereby authorized to determine those intersections at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right, left or U turn, or shall only make a right or left turn, and shall place proper signs at such intersections, in accordance with a list of locations described in Schedule A incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.

Sec. 6.4 Obedience to turn signs

Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right, or left, or U-turn is permitted, or a right, or left turn is required, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any such sign.

Sec. 6.5 Limitations on turning around

The driver of any vehicle shall not turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street in a business district and shall not upon any other street so turn a vehicle unless such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic.

Article VII - One-way streets and alleys

Sec. 7.1 Authority to sign one-way streets and alleys

Whenever any regulation of this city designates any one-way street or alley the Traffic Director shall place and maintain signs giving notice thereof, and no such regulation shall be effective unless such signs are in place. Signs indicating the direction of lawful traffic movement shall be placed at every intersection where movement of traffic in the opposite direction is prohibited, so that at least one sign will be clearly visible for a distance of at least seventy-five (75) feet to drivers approaching the exit.

Sec. 7.2 One-way streets and alleys

Upon those streets and parts of streets and in those alleys described in Schedule 3 incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department, drivers of vehicles shall move only in the indicated direction when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and maintained at every intersection where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited.

Sec. 7.3 Do not enter regulations

- (a) At the intersections described in Schedule 4 incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department no person operating a vehicle on the streets described shall enter the other streets described to proceed in the direction listed, at the times listed.
- (b) Official traffic signs bearing the legend "DO NOT ENTER" shall be erected and maintained on the streets where entry is restricted facing the traffic which would enter in the restricted direction.
- (c) Where contraflow bicycle travel is permitted, official traffic signs bearing the legend "DO NOT ENTER EXCEPT BICYCLES" shall be erected and maintained on the streets where non-bicycle entry is restricted, facing traffic that would otherwise enter in the restricted direction.

Article VIII - Stop and yield intersections, railroad crossings, etc.

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Sec. 8.2 Obedience to stop signs

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.89, §9 the streets listed in Schedule B are designated as Stop streets at the intersections and in the direction indicated.
- (b) In accordance with the foregoing the erection and maintenance of official "STOP" signs or flashing red signal indications is authorized so as to face the streets or intersections as provided for in accordance with Schedule B incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.

Sec. 8.3 Emerging from alley, driveway or building

The driver of a vehicle within a business or residence district emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway or driveway, and shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian as may be necessary to avoid collision, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

Sec. 8.4 Stop when traffic obstructed

No driver shall enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he/she is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

Sec. 8.5 Obedience to signal indicating approach of train

- (a) Whenever any person driving a vehicle approaches a railroad grade crossing under any of the circumstances stated in this Section, the driver of such vehicle shall stop within 50 feet but not less than 15 feet from the nearest rail of such railroad, and shall not proceed until he/she can do so safely. The foregoing requirements shall apply when:
 - (1) A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a railroad train;
 - (2) A crossing gate is lowered or when a human flagman gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a railroad train;
 - (3) A railroad train approaching within approximately 1,500 feet of the highway crossing emits a signal audible from such distance and such railroad train, by reason of its speed or nearness to such crossing, is an immediate hazard;
 - (4) An approaching railroad train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to such crossing.
- (b) No person shall drive any vehicle through, around or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

Sec. 8.6 Obedience to yield signs

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.89, §9, the streets listed in Schedule B are designated as Yield streets at the intersections and in the direction indicated.

- (b) This section shall not apply when the traffic is otherwise directed by an officer or by a lawful traffic regulating sign, signal or device or as provided in section 9.4 of these regulations.

Article IX - Rules of the road

Sec. 9.1 Following fire apparatus prohibited

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.L. c.89, §7A.

Sec. 9.2 Crossing fire hose

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.L. c.89, §7A.

Sec. 9.3 Driving through funeral or other processions

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.L. c.272, §42.

Sec. 9.4 Drivers in a procession

- (a) Each driver in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right-hand edge of the roadway as practicable and shall follow the vehicle ahead as close as is practicable and safe.
- (b) At an intersection where a traffic-control signal is operating or a stop sign located, the driver of the first vehicle in a funeral or other procession shall be the only one governed by the traffic signal indication or the stop sign.

Sec. 9.5 Funeral processions to be identified

A funeral composed of a procession of vehicles shall be identified as such by the display upon the outside of each vehicle of a pennant or other identifying insignia or by such other method as may be determined and designated by the police department.

Sec. 9.6 Parades, processions and formations

No person shall take part in any parade, procession or other organized formation of persons or vehicles, other than a funeral procession in or upon any street, way, highway, road or parkway under the control of the city unless the Traffic Director has issued a permit approved by the Police Commissioner, for such parade, procession or formation. Said permit shall designate the time, place and manner of such parade, procession or formation. Before a permit is issued, written application giving the time, place and manner of such parade, procession or formation shall be filed with the Traffic Director sufficiently in advance to allow for any planning for the event.

Sec. 9.7 Drive on right side of roadway-exceptions

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.L. c.89, §1.

Sec. 9.8 Overtaking a vehicle on the left

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.L. c.89, §2.

Sec. 9.9 Overtaking other vehicles

The driver of a vehicle shall not pass or overtake a vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless there is sufficient clear space ahead on the right side of the roadway to permit the overtaking to be concluded without impeding the safe operation of the vehicles ahead.

Sec. 9.10 Further limitations on driving to left of center of roadway

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.L. c.89, §4.

Sec. 9.11 No-passing zones

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.L. c.89, §4.

Sec. 9.12 Operation at intersections with islands and at safety zones

- (a) A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of such island.
- (b) At any intersection of ways or other place in which there are marked or permanent channelizing islands or safety zones, drivers of vehicles shall proceed only as indicated by signs, signals, or markings.
- (c) No person shall drive through or over or park a motor vehicle upon, any channelizing island or safety zone unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

Sec. 9.13 Driving on roadways laned for traffic

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.L. c.89, §4A & B.

Sec. 9.14 Following too closely

The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

Sec. 9.15 Driving on divided highways

Except on one-way streets, whenever any highway has been divided into two or more roadways by leaving an intervening space or by physical barrier or clearly indicated dividing section so constructed as to impede vehicular traffic, every vehicle shall be driven only upon the right-hand roadway unless directed or permitted to use another roadway by official traffic-control devices or police officers. No vehicle shall be driven over, across or within any such dividing space, barrier or section, except through an opening in such physical barrier or dividing section or space or at a cross-over or intersection as established.

Sec. 9.16 Care in stopping, starting, turning, or backing

The driver of any vehicle before starting, turning from a direct line, or backing, shall first see that such movement can be made in safety. If such movement cannot be made in safety or if it interferes with the informal movement of traffic, said driver shall wait for a more favorable opportunity to make such movement.

Sec. 9.17 Backing around corners and into intersections

The driver of any vehicle shall not back the vehicle around a corner or into an intersection and shall not in any event or at any place back a vehicle unless such movement can be made in safety.

Sec. 9.18 Vehicle operation at crosswalks

- (a) When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle, which for the purposes of this regulation shall include bicycles, shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be so to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian approaches from the opposite half of the roadway to within 5 feet of that half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling. No operator of a vehicle shall pass another vehicle which has been stopped at a marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross a way, nor shall any operator enter a marked crosswalk until there is sufficient space on the other side of the crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he/she is operating notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to proceed.
- (b) The provisions of these regulations and those drafted under the provisions of G. L. c.90, §18A, shall not in any way abrogate the provisions of G.L. c.90, §14 and 14A which provides: "Precautions for Safety of Other Travelers" and for the "Protection of Blind Persons Crossing Ways". Furthermore, notwithstanding the provisions of these regulations every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon the roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary and shall exercise proper precautions which may become necessary for safe operation.

Sec. 9.19 Vehicle shall not be driven on a sidewalk

The driver of a vehicle shall not drive within any sidewalk area except at a permanent or temporary driveway.

Sec. 9.20 Opening and closing vehicle doors

No person shall open the door of a motor vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless and until it is reasonably safe to do so, nor shall any person leave a door open on the side of a motor vehicle available to moving traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers.

Sec. 9.21 Prohibited riding

- (a) No person shall ride on any portion of a motor vehicle not designed or intended for the use of passengers except in that part of a truck within which the load is usually carried.
- (b) No person shall board a moving vehicle without the consent of the person in charge thereof.

Sec. 9.22 Clinging to vehicles

No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

Sec. 9.23 Unattended motor vehicle

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.L. c.90, §13.

Sec. 9.24 Obstructing traffic

- (a) No person shall drive in such a manner as to obstruct unnecessarily the normal movement of traffic upon any street or highway. Officers are hereby authorized to require any driver who fails to comply with this section to drive to the side of the roadway and wait until such traffic as has been delayed has passed.
- (b) No driver shall enter an intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk and on the right half of the roadway to accommodate the vehicle he/she is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to proceed, except that on a one-way street drivers shall not be restricted to the use of the right half of the roadway.

Sec. 9.25 Dropping or leaking loads

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.L. c.85, §36.

Sec. 9.26 Putting glass, etc., on highway prohibited

For Law of the Commonwealth, See G.L. c.265, §32 & c.270, §16.

Sec. 9.27 Sound horn when necessary

The driver of a vehicle shall give an audible warning with his horn or other suitable warning device whenever necessary to insure safe operation.

Sec. 9.28 Driving on road surfaces under construction or repair

No driver shall enter upon the road surface of any street or highway or section thereof, when, by reason of construction, surface treatment, maintenance or the like, or because of some unprotected hazard, such road surface is closed to travel, and one or more signs, lights or signals have been erected to indicate that all or part of the road surface of the street or highway is not to be used, or when so advised by an officer, watchman, member of a street or highway crew or employee of the city either audibly or by signals.

Sec. 9.29 Shared street

- (a) The Traffic Director shall determine which streets are classified as shared streets. Each of these shall be posted as a "Shared Street" and described in Schedule Q incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (b) All public right-of-ways defined as a "Shared Street" shall operate in the following manner.
 - (1) All types of motorized vehicles and non-motorized vehicles including bicycles must yield to pedestrians.
 - (2) All types of motorized vehicles and non-motorized vehicles including bicycles shall use caution and travel at a speed that ensures pedestrian safety. A speed greater than 10 miles per hour is considered hazardous to pedestrians.
 - (3) A ten-foot unobstructed passage must be maintained as all times for emergency vehicle access and said regulation shall be enforced under the authority of Section 14.1 (b)(9).

Article X - Horse-drawn vehicles

Sec. 10.1 Persons driving animal-drawn vehicles

Every person driving any animal-drawn vehicle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by these regulations except those provisions of these regulations which by their very nature can have no application. No person shall drive an animal-drawn vehicle without special written permission from the Traffic Director except when such a vehicle is driven during a permitted special event.

Sec. 10.2 Driving horses harnessed to different vehicles prohibited

No person shall drive nor guide two or more horses harnessed respectively to different vehicles.

Sec. 10.3 Standing of horse-drawn vehicles

- (a) When a horse-drawn vehicle is backed up to a curb, the horse or horses shall be turned so as to stand parallel with the sidewalk and headed in the general direction of travel for the side of the street on which the vehicle is standing.
- (b) No horse shall be left unattended for a longer period than five minutes in any street or highway unless he/she is securely fastened by being tied to a post or a weight or unless the wheel of the vehicle to which he/she is harnessed is securely tied, fastened or chained, and the vehicle is of sufficient weight to prevent its being dragged at a dangerous speed with the wheels so secured.
- (c) No person shall feed a horse in any street unless the wheels of the vehicle to which it is harnessed are securely fastened during that time.

Sec. 10.4 Care in driving

No person when driving a vehicle with a horse or horses attached there to shall cease from holding the reins in his hands to guide and restrain the same, nor, when not riding, cease from walking by the head of the shaft or wheel horse, either holding or keeping within reach bridle or halter thereof.

Sec. 10.5 Condition and treatment of horses

- (a) No one shall drive a horse not in every respect fit for use and capable for the work on which it is employed and free from lameness and sores or any vice or disease likely to cause delay in traffic or accident or injury to persons or property.
- (b) No one shall ill treat, overload, overdrive or cruelly or unnecessarily beat any horse.
- (c) No one shall crack or so use a whip as to annoy, interfere with or endanger any person or excite any horse other than that which he/she is using.
- (d) No person having charge of a truck or a dray with an animal attached thereto shall drive the same at other than a moderate foot pace.

Article XI - Pedestrians' rights and duties

Sec. 11.1 Pedestrians crossing ways or roadways

Pedestrians shall obey the directions of police officers directing traffic; and whenever there is an officer directing traffic, a traffic control signal or a marked crosswalk within three

hundred (300) feet of a pedestrian, no such pedestrian shall cross a way or roadway except within the limits of a marked crosswalk and as hereinafter provided in these regulations. For the purpose of these regulations, a marked crosswalk shall only be construed to be that area of the roadway reserved for pedestrian crossing marked with white reflective pavement markings.

Sec. 11.2 Pedestrian actuation

- (a) At a traffic-control signal location where pedestrian indications are provided but which are shown only upon actuation by means of a pedestrian push button, no pedestrian shall cross a roadway unless or until the pedestrian control signal push button has been actuated and then cross only on the proper pedestrian signal indication. At traffic-control signal locations where no pedestrian indication is provided, pedestrians shall cross only on the green indication.
- (b) At a traffic-control signal location, pedestrians shall yield the right of way to vehicles of a funeral or other procession or authorized emergency vehicle while in performance of emergency duties regardless of the signal indication given, and they shall not attempt to cross the roadway until such vehicles or procession has passed at which time pedestrians shall then cross the roadway only as provided in these regulations.

Sec. 11.3 Pedestrians subject to traffic-control signals

Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic-control signals as heretofore declared in Sections 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7 of these regulations, but at all other places pedestrians shall be granted those rights and be subject to the restrictions stated in this article.

Sec. 11.4 Pedestrian crossings and use of roadways

- (a) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a sidewalk or safety island and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield the right of way.
- (b) Pedestrians shall at all times attempt to cross a roadway using the right half of crosswalks.
- (c) Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway whenever the sidewalk is open to pedestrian use.
- (d) Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the left side of the roadway on its unfinished shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.
- (e) Persons alighting from the roadway side of any vehicle parked at the curb or edge of roadway shall proceed immediately to the sidewalk or edge of roadway adjacent to vehicle, and shall cross the roadway only as authorized by these regulations.
- (f) It shall be unlawful for any person to actuate a pedestrian control signal or to enter a marked crosswalk unless a crossing of the roadway is intended.

Sec. 11.5 Crossing at non-signalized locations

- (a) Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk, as referred to in Section 11.4, shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway. At a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overpass has been provided, pedestrians shall cross the roadway only by the use of the tunnel or overpass.

- (b) No pedestrian shall cross a roadway at any place other than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb except in a marked crosswalk.

Sec. 11.6 Obedience of pedestrians to railroad signals

No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

Sec. 11.7 Pedestrians soliciting rides or business

No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment, or business from the occupant of any vehicle.

Sec. 11.8 Penalties

Any person who violates the provisions of this regulation which deal with the proper use of ways by pedestrians shall be punished as provided in G.L. c.90, §18A.

Article XII - Regulations for bicycles

Sec. 12.1 Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to motor vehicles or by the traffic regulations of this city applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provision of laws and regulations which by their nature can have no application.

Sec. 12.2 Obedience to traffic control devices

- (a) Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
- (b) Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or U-turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

Sec. 12.3 Required equipment

- (a) Every bicycle operated upon a way shall be equipped with a braking system to enable the operator to bring the bicycle traveling at a speed of fifteen miles per hour to a smooth safe stop within thirty feet on a dry, clean, hard, level surface.
- (b) Every bicycle when in use during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500' to the front. To the rear, either a red lamp or a red reflector visible for not less than 600' when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.
- (c) The operator shall not carry any package, bundle or article except in a basket, rack, trailer or other device designated for such purpose. The operator shall keep at least one hand upon the handlebars at all times.

Sec. 12.4 Riding on bicycles

For Law of the Commonwealth, see G.L. c.85, s11B and s11B1/2

Sec. 12.5 Riding on roadways

- (a) The bicycle operator shall ride single file on any way except when passing. The bicycle operator may keep to the right when passing a motor vehicle which is moving in the travel lane or the way. The bicycle operator shall not pass to the right of a bus or minibus stopped at a designated bus stop.
- (b) The bicycle operator shall signal by either hand their intention to stop or turn.
- (c) The bicycle operator shall not permit their bicycle to be drawn by any other moving vehicle.
- (d) The Traffic Director shall determine upon which streets to designate a bike lane and shall mark such streets as described in Schedule O incorporated herein and made part hereof. Schedule O is available at the Traffic Department.
- (e) The Traffic Director shall determine upon which streets a bicycle operator may ride on a one-way street in the opposite direction and upon which is marked as a contra-flow bike lane. The Traffic Director shall mark such streets as described in Schedule P incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (f) The Traffic Director shall determine upon which shared streets, as defined in Section 9.29, a bicycle operator may ride in the opposite direction as general traffic and shall post official signs bearing the legend "Do Not Enter Except Bicycles" on the streets where non-bicycle vehicle entry is restricted, facing traffic that would otherwise enter in the restricted direction.

Sec. 12.6 Emerging from alley or driveway

The driver of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right of way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

Sec. 12.7 Riding on sidewalks

- (a) Pedestrians have the right of way on all sidewalks. The operator of a bicycle shall yield to pedestrians in all traffic situations.
- (b) The operator of a bicycle shall ride at a speed no greater than an ordinary walk when on a sidewalk or when entering or leaving a sidewalk.
- (c) The operator of a bicycle shall give an audible warning before passing a pedestrian far enough in advance to allow the pedestrian time to react.
- (d) No one shall operate a bicycle on a sidewalk in a manner that endangers or would be likely to endanger any person or property.
- (e) The operator of a bicycle shall comply with all Federal, State and local regulations concerning lighting and helmet use as they apply to roadways when riding on a sidewalk.

Sec. 12.8 Sidewalk cycling banned on certain streets and districts

- (a) No person shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk within a business district as defined in Article I. Except Peabody Street from Massachusetts Avenue to Cambridge Street.

- (b) No person shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk described in Schedule 4B incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department and which has been posted with appropriate signs and/or markings on the sidewalk.

Sec. 12.9 Bicycle parking on the public way

- (a) Bicycles are permitted to park against a building, street sign pole (except any street sign pole that designate a disability/handicap parking space), or on a bicycle rack or other facility specifically intended for that purpose.
- (b) Under no circumstances shall a bicycle obstruct the pedestrian path of travel or disability/handicap access ramps. A parked bicycle must leave at least 36 inches of an obstruction free path of travel.
- (c) Bicycles are not permitted to be parked to: fire hydrants, hand railings, benches, trees, trash receptacles, Fix it stations and parking meters or any sign pole, light pole and utility pole that has a sign designating a disability/handicap parking space.
- (d) Bicycles shall not be parked longer than 72 consecutive hours at the same loction in any business district as defined in section 12.8. At no such time, shall a bicycle obstruct a person with disabilities access to a vehicle, walkway or building.
- (e) Bicycles in violation of the above regulations shall be tagged and removed immediately if presenting a public safety hazard as noted in section 12.9 (b) and given a 72-hour notice to remove for violations in section 12.9 (c) and (d). Removed bicycles shall be held by the City of Cambridge Department of Public Works for a minimum of 30 days.
- (f) No motorized vehicles shall be parked on a bicycle rack or other facility specifically designed and intended for bicycle parking. Violators are subject to immediate removal from the City of Cambridge Department of Public Works or Police Department.

Article XIII - Method of parking

Sec. 13.1 Standing or parking close to curb or edge or roadway

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this article every person stopping or parking upon a roadway shall so stop or park with both wheels, on the side of the vehicle adjacent to the curb, within 12 inches of the curb or edge of roadway.
- (b) Upon streets or parts of streets which have been marked or signed for angle parking, persons parking shall park with one wheel within 12 inches from the curb.
- (c) Upon any street or parts thereof where snow, ice or debris or other obstruction prevents the parking of a vehicle as specified in (a) or (b) above, any vehicle parked with the wheels more than 12 inches from the curb shall be considered in violation of this section of the regulations.

Sec. 13.2 Direction of parking

- (a) Persons shall park in the direction of the flow of traffic pertaining to that side of the street on which the vehicle is parked.
- (b) Where angle parking is permitted either on the street or in public off-street parking lots, persons shall park with the front or rear of the vehicle facing into the curb or island as posted.
- (c) Vehicles parked contrary to the direction specified in this section shall be considered parked in the wrong direction.

Sec. 13.3 Signs or markings indicating angle parking

- (a) The Traffic Director shall determine upon what streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark and sign such streets as described in Schedule C incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (b) Angle parking shall not be indicated or permitted at any place on any two-way street where passing traffic would thereby be caused or required to drive upon the left side of the center line marking of the roadway.

Sec. 13.4 Obedience to angle-parking signs and stall markings

- (a) On those streets which have been signed or marked by the Traffic Director for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings.
- (b) Where parking stalls have been marked upon the roadway whether on city streets or municipal public parking places, persons shall park so that all four wheels of the vehicle shall be placed wholly within marked lines.
- (c) In any municipal public parking place under the control of the city, whether or not parking meters are installed therein, persons shall park wholly within a parking space duly designated for the parking of a vehicle by markings on the surface of the roadway, and at no other place within said municipal public parking place.
- (d) Violation of this section of the regulations shall be considered "Not Parking Within Designated Space".

Article XIV - Standing or parking restricted or prohibited specified places

Sec. 14.1 Stopping, standing or parking prohibited

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, no person shall:

- (a) Stop a Vehicle:
 - (1) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
 - (2) Within an intersection;
 - (3) On a safety zone or channelizing island;
 - (4) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
 - (5) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure, or within a highway tunnel;
 - (6) On any railroad tracks;
 - (7) Adjacent to a safety zone, median island, traffic island or channelizing island;
 - (8) In such a manner as to obstruct any curb ramp designed for use by persons with disabilities;
 - (9) On a sidewalk.
 - (10) On the roadway in a manner that will obstruct fully or partially any Bicycle Lane or Bicycle Facility.
- (b) Stand or Park a Vehicle Whether Occupied or Not, Except Momentarily to Pick Up or Discharge a Passenger or Passengers;
 - (1) This section has been intentionally deleted;
 - (2) On a crosswalk;

- (3) In front of a public or private driveway, private road, private way or alley;
- (4) Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant;
- (5) Within 20 feet of an intersection;
- (6) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk on the side from which traffic approaches, when properly sign posted;
- (7) Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway, when properly sign posted;
- (8) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station; and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station, within 75 feet of said entrance, when properly sign posted;
- (9) Upon a street, other than an alley or private way, in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than 10 feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic;
- (10) Upon or within an alley or private way in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than 10 feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic or in such position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property;
- (11) In any street or part thereof where signs have been placed for the purpose of facilitating the cleaning of streets, the maintenance of streets, the plowing of snow or the removal of snow.

Sec. 14.2 Parking prohibited

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers:

- (a) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; when properly sign posted;
- (b) This section intentionally left blank
- (c) In front of or within three feet of the end of a curb-cut of any public or private driveway without signage and greater than three feet with proper signage if in the opinion of the Traffic Director or designee that additional space is required to ensure adequate unobstructed access.

Sec. 14.3 Unlawful moving of vehicles

No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such a distance as is unlawful, except as provided in section 19.3 of these regulations.

Sec. 14.4 All-night commercial parking prohibited

No person shall park or stand any Commercial Vehicle or Trailer having a capacity of two & one half (2 ½) tons or over on any part of any street, way, highway, road, or parkway under the control of the City for a period of time longer than one hour between the hours of 11PM and 6AM, on any day, and all day Sunday, except for vehicles actually being used, loaded, or unloaded during such time.

Sec. 14.5 Parking for certain purposes prohibited

No person shall park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of:

- (a) Displaying such vehicle for sale, or for the sole purpose of displaying advertising signs.
- (b) Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.
- (c) Storage. Parking or leaving a motor vehicle, or other vehicle or conveyance upon any public way without moving it from the place where it was parked for a period of more than 24 hours, shall be deemed to be storage and a violation of this section, except for a motor vehicle displaying a valid Resident Parking Permit and that vehicle is parked on a public way described in Schedule 7B (Permit Parking areas) incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department. Vehicles stored in violation of this regulation are subject to fine and tow.
- (d) Trailer Parking. No person or driver shall park, cause or allow, any type of Trailer or Trailer body on any Public Way. Trailers parked in violation to this regulation are subject to fine and tow.

Sec. 14.6 Standing and parking adjacent to schools and public building entrances

- (a) The Traffic Director is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating no standing or parking upon either or both sides of any street or parts thereof, adjacent to any school property when such parking would, in the Traffic Director's opinion, interfere with traffic or create a hazardous situation, as described in Schedule E incorporated herein and made a part hereof and made available at the Traffic Department.
- (b) The Traffic Director is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating no standing or parking at any curb adjacent to or near the entrances of a church, theatre, hotel, hospital, railway station, public building or any place of public assemblage.
- (c) When official signs are erected indicating no standing or parking at places as authorized herein, no person shall stand or park a vehicle in any such designated place.

Sec. 14.7 Stopping prohibited on narrow streets – fire lane

- (a) The Traffic Director is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating no stopping upon any street, alley, or private way, when the width of the roadway does not exceed 20 feet, or upon one side of a street, alley or private way, as indicated by such signs when the width of the roadway does not exceed 28 feet as described in Schedule F incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (b) The Traffic Director is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating no stopping upon any one-way street, alley, or private way, when the width of the roadway does not exceed 18 feet, or upon one side of a street, alley or private way, as indicated by such signs when the width of the roadway does not exceed 26 feet as described in Schedule F incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (c) When official signs prohibiting stopping are erected upon narrow streets as authorized herein, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle upon any such street in violation of any such sign.

- (d) The Traffic Director is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating "Tow Zone No Stopping Fire Lane" upon any public way, alley or private way, when requested in writing by the City of Cambridge Fire Chief for the purpose to maintain a safe and adequate access for emergency vehicles.

Sec. 14.8 Standing or parking on one-way roadways

In the event a highway includes two or more separate roadways and traffic is restricted to one direction upon any such roadway, no person shall stand or park a vehicle upon the left-hand side of such one-way roadway unless signs are erected to permit such standing or parking. The Traffic Director is authorized to determine when standing or parking may be permitted upon the left-hand side of any such one-way roadway and to erect signs giving notice thereof.

Sec. 14.9 No stopping, standing or parking near hazardous or congested places

- (a) The Traffic Director is hereby authorized to determine and designate by proper signs, places in which the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles would create an especially hazardous condition or would cause unusual delay to traffic as described in Schedule G incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (b) When official signs are erected at hazardous or congested places as described in schedule G incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department, no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any such designated place.

Sec. 14.10 Removal of motor vehicles from public way due to hazardous conditions

The Police Commissioner or his/her designee may authorize the removal or tow of a motor vehicle parked on the public way that may pose a potential safety hazard to the general public. A potential safety hazard includes but is not limited to the following;

- (a) A vehicle, which has recently caught on fire or has protruding materials that can pose an injury to the general public.
- (b) A vehicle that has been involved in a major accident or that has major damage.
- (c) An unsecured vehicle containing hazardous or dangerous materials.
- (d) A vehicle leaking hazardous materials.

Article XV - Stopping for loading or unloading only

Sec. 15.1 Traffic director to designate curb, flexible, and commercial vehicle only loading zones

The Traffic Director is hereby authorized to determine the location of passenger and freight curb, flexible, and commercial vehicle only loading zones and shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the same as described in Schedule H incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.

Sec. 15.2 Standing in curb, flexible, and commercial vehicle only loading zones

- (a) Curb Loading Zone. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time other than for expeditious unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of materials in any place marked or as designated by sign or signs as a Curb Loading Zone. For vehicles displaying a commercial license plate, such person must be actively loading or unloading, and in no case shall the stop exceed thirty minutes. For vehicles displaying a passenger license plate, such person must be actively loading or unloading, such stopping cannot interfere with any commercial motor vehicle which is waiting to enter or about to enter such zone, and in no case shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials or passengers exceed fifteen minutes. Any loading zones that are not specifically marked or as designated by a sign or signs as a Commercial Vehicle Only Loading Zone or a Flexible Loading Zone shall be considered a Curb Loading Zone.
- (b) Commercial Vehicle Only Loading Zone. Where appropriate signs have been erected designating a Commercial Vehicle Only Loading Zone, no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time other than for expeditious unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of materials. Vehicles must display a commercial vehicle license plate and be actively loading or unloading. In no case shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials exceed thirty minutes.
- (c) Flexible Loading Zone. Where appropriate signs have been erected designating a Flexible Loading Zone, no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time other than for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers or materials. In no case shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials and passengers exceed thirty minutes.”

Sec. 15.3 Traffic director to designate bus or taxi stops and stands

The Traffic Director is hereby authorized and required to establish bus stops, bus stands, taxicab stands and stands for other passenger common-carrier motor vehicles on such public streets in such places and in such number as he/she shall determine to be of the greatest benefit and convenience to the public, and every such bus stop, bus stand, taxicab stand, or other stand shall be effective only during such time as official signs are erected and maintained by order of the Traffic Director designating and showing the limits of such zone. Bus stops and bus stands have been established as described in Schedule J and taxi stands have been established as described in Schedule K, both incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.

Sec. 15.4 Stopping, standing and parking of buses and taxicabs regulated

- (a) The operator of a bus shall not stand or park such vehicle upon any street at any place other than a bus stand so designated as provided herein.
- (b) The operator of a bus shall not stop such vehicle upon any street at any place for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or their baggage other than at a bus stop or bus stand so designated as provided herein, except in case of an emergency, or except in case the bus stop or bus stand is obstructed.

- (c) The operator of a bus shall enter a bus stop or bus stand on a public street in such a manner that the bus when stopped to load or unload passengers or baggage shall be in a position with the right front wheel of such vehicle not further than twelve inches from the curb and the bus approximately parallel to the curb so as not to unduly impede the movement of other vehicular traffic.
- (d) The operator of a taxicab shall not stand or park such vehicle upon any street at any place other than in a taxicab stand so designated as provided herein. Except when vehicle is used as a primary passenger vehicle for non-commercial purposes. At such time, this vehicle shall adhere to the same parking regulations as a standard passenger plated vehicle. This provision shall not prevent the operator of a taxicab from temporarily stopping in accordance with other stopping or parking regulations at any place for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers.

Sec. 15.5 Restricted use of bus and taxicab stands

- (a) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle other than a bus in a bus stand or bus stop when any such stop or stand has been officially designated and appropriately signed, except that the driver of a passenger vehicle may temporarily stop therein for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers when such stopping does not interfere with any bus waiting to enter or about to enter such zone.
- (b) No person shall stand, or park a vehicle other than a taxicab in a taxicab stand, when any such stop or stand has been officially designated and appropriately signed, except that the driver of a passenger vehicle may temporarily stop therein for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers when such stopping does not interfere with any taxicab waiting to enter or about to enter such zone.

Article XVI - Stopping, standing or parking restricted or prohibited on certain streets

Sec. 16.1 Application of article

The provisions of this article prohibiting the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle shall apply at all times or at those times herein specified or as indicated on official signs except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device.

Sec. 16.2 Regulations not exclusive

The provisions of this article imposing a time limit on parking shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

Sec. 16.3 Parking prohibited at all times

- (a) When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or sides thereof as described in Schedules 6 and 6A incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (b) This section has been intentionally deleted.
- (c) This section has been intentionally deleted.

- (d) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at any time in any parking space, as described in Schedule 6D incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department, designated for disabled veterans and persons with disabilities unless said vehicle is owned and operated by a disabled veteran or by a persons with disabilities and bears a distinctive number plate or placard authorized by G.L. c.90, §2, or for any vehicle bearing the official identification of a persons with disabilities issued by any other state.
- (e) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at anytime in any parking spaces, as described in Schedule 6E incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department, designated for "Reserved Parking Only" except by special written permission by the Traffic Director or his/her designee. The Traffic Director reserves the right to rescind existing or deny any request which does not address and promotes the city's policies regarding traffic congestion, environmental impacts and public safety. Vehicles violating this regulation are subject to fines established in Article XXI, Schedule 13 and Section 16.3
- (f) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle, including an Electric Vehicle at any time in any parking space designated for Electric Vehicle Charging unless such vehicle has connected the Charging Station's Charging Cord to the Charging Port on the vehicle. All other regulations and restrictions established at the parking space shall also apply.

Sec. 16.4 Parking prohibited during certain hours (including resident permit parking)

- (a) When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle between the hours specified on any day within the district or upon any of the streets or sides thereof as described in Schedule 7 and 7A incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (b) When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof no person shall park a vehicle between the hours specified on any day within the district or upon any of the streets or sides thereof as described in Schedule 7B incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department without a Resident Parking Permit issued by the Traffic Director.
- (c) When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit specified, between the time specified on any day except Sundays or legal holidays within the district, or upon any of the street, or in any municipal public parking place, EXCEPT WITH RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT, as described in Schedule 7C "TIME LIMIT PARKING EXCEPT BY RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT" incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department. This regulation is for the sole propose as to discourage long-term parking in a residential area adjacent to or near a commercially zoned area or transportation access point.

Sec. 16.5 Standing or parking during snow emergency

- (a) If it is the judgement of the Traffic Director that threatening weather conditions may impair the free flow of vehicular traffic or that parked vehicles may impede the clearance of snow, then the Traffic Director may declare a state of emergency under the powers vested in him/her by statutory law.

- (b) Whenever such an emergency is declared by the Traffic Director and he/she shall have caused announcement thereof by the use of available news and other media, then no driver shall stand or park any vehicle within the limits of any designated and posted street as described in Schedule 8 or Schedule L incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (c) This regulation shall not apply to commercial vehicles stopped temporarily during the actual loading or unloading of materials.

Sec. 16.6 This section has been intentionally deleted.

Sec. 16.7 Parking prohibited during certain days for street cleaning

- (a) In any street or part thereof where signs have been erected by order of the Traffic Director for the purposes of facilitating the cleaning of streets, no person shall stand or park a vehicle on the days and during the hours indicated as described in Schedule M incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.

Sec. 16.8 Stopping prohibited during certain hours

When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall stop a vehicle between the hours specified as described in Schedule 9 incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department.

Sec. 16.9 Parking time limited on certain streets

When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit specified, between the time specified on any day except Sundays or legal holidays within the district, or upon any of the streets, or in any municipal public parking place, as described in Schedule 10 incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department.

Sec. 16.10 Parking signs required

Except as provided in Article XIV, whenever by this or any other regulation of this city any parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited on designated streets, it shall be the duty of the Traffic Director to erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof and no such regulations shall be effective unless said signs are erected and in place at the time of any alleged offense.

For sections; 14.1(b)(8), 14.2(b), 14.7 (a)(b), 14.7 (d), 14.9 (a)(b), 15.2 (a)(b), 15.5 (a)(b), 15.5(a), 15.5(b), 16.3(a)(e), 16.3(d), 16.4(a), 16.4(b), 16.4(c), 16.5(b), 16.6 (a)(b), 16.7, 16.8, and 16.9, permanent signs shall be installed at distances that can be reasonably seen by drivers. A parking regulation (except for streets with no parking or no stopping for the entire street block) shall be posted at the start of each street block (based on vehicle direction of travel) at a distance no greater than 75 feet from the beginning of each street block. The remaining signs posted thereafter the first sign of each street block shall not be posted at a distance greater than 250 feet apart.

For such street where permanent no parking or permanent no stopping is regulated for the entire street block, such parking restriction signs shall be posted at the start of each street block at a distance no greater than 100 feet from the beginning of each street block. The

remaining signs posted thereafter the first sign shall not be posted at a distance greater than 300 feet apart.

For section 18.3(b), temporary signs for the restriction of parking for a short duration of time (i.e. construction, moving van, and special event) shall be posted at a distance no greater than 75' apart. When the restriction is for an area not including an entire street block, than a start and end point of said restriction must be posted by placing an arrow on each sign showing where the restriction starts and ends.

Sec. 16.11 This section has been intentionally deleted.

Sec. 16.12 Installation of parking meters

- (a) The Traffic Director may install parking meters in the parking meter zones established as provided in these regulations upon the curb immediately adjacent to each designated space, as described in Schedule N incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department. Said meters shall be capable of being operated, either automatically or mechanically, upon the deposit therein of a coin or coins of United States currency as described in Schedule 10A incorporated herein and made part hereof available at the Traffic Department
- (b) Each parking meter shall be so designed, constructed, installed and set that upon the expiration of the time period registered, by the deposit of one or more coins, as provided herein, it will indicate by an appropriate signal that the lawful parking meter period has expired and during said period of time and prior to the expiration thereof, will indicate the interval of time which remains of such period. Each parking meter shall bear thereon a legend indicating the day and hours when the requirements to deposit coins therein shall apply, the value of coins to be deposited and the limited period of time for which parking is lawfully permitted in the parking meter zone in which such meter is located.

Sec. 16.13 Parking meters spaces

- (a) The Traffic Director shall designate the parking space adjacent to each parking meter for which such meter is to be used by appropriate markings upon the curb and/or the pavement of the street. Parking meter spaces so designated shall be of appropriate length and width so as to be accessible from the traffic lanes of such street.
- (b) No person shall park a vehicle in any such designated parking meter space during the restricted or regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the markings designating such space, except that a vehicle which is of a size too large to be parked within a single designated parking meter zone shall be permitted to occupy two adjoining parking meter spaces when coins shall have been deposited in the parking meter for each space so occupied as is required in this regulation for the parking of other vehicles in such space.

Sec. 16.14 Deposit of coins and time limits

- (a) No person shall park a vehicle in any parking space upon a street alongside of and next to which a parking meter has been installed during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located unless a coin or coins of United States currency of the appropriate denomination as provided in this regulation shall have been deposited therein, or shall have been previously deposited therein for an unexpired interval of time, and said meter has been placed in operation.
- (b) No person shall permit a vehicle within his/her control to be parked in any such parking meter space during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located while the parking meter for such space indicates by signal that the lawful parking time in such space has expired. This provision shall not apply to the act of parking or the necessary time which is required to deposit immediately thereafter a coin or coins in such meter.
- (c) No person shall park a vehicle in any such parking meter space for a consecutive period of time longer than that limited period of time for which parking is lawfully permitted in the parking meter zone in which such meter is located, irrespective of the number or amounts of the coins deposited in such meter.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of this regulation and the state vehicle code prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times .
- (e) No driver, while operating any vehicle owned and bearing indicia of ownership by the city, state or federal governments, shall be required to deposit any fee in a parking meter as provided in this section, but such driver shall be subject to the parking time limits specified.
- (f) No fee shall be required to be deposited in a parking meter and no time limit shall be imposed as provided in this section for the parking of any vehicle owned and driven by a disabled veteran or by a person with disabilities and bearing a distinctive number plate or placard authorized by G.L. c.90, §2

Sec. 16.15 Use of slugs prohibited

No person shall deposit or attempt to deposit in any parking meter any slug, button or any other device or substance as substitutes for coins of United States currency.

Sec. 16.16 With meter

No person shall deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter.

Sec. 16.17 Application of proceeds

- (a) The coins deposited in parking meters shall be collected by the duly authorized agents of the Traffic Department and shall be deposited in a special fund to be known as the "Parking Fund".
- (b) All fees collected by said Traffic Department shall be used as authorized by G.L. c.40.

Article XVII - Regulating the kinds and classes of traffic on certain highways

Sec. 17.1 Load restrictions upon vehicles using certain highways

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall operate any vehicle with a gross weight in excess of the amounts specified in Schedule 11 at any time upon any of the streets or parts of streets as described in Schedule 11 incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.

Sec. 17.2 Commercial vehicles prohibited from using certain streets

- (a) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall operate any heavy commercial vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or parts of streets as described in Schedule 12 incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.
- (b) This section shall not apply to heavy commercial vehicles going to or coming from places upon said streets or adjoining streets or ways to which access cannot otherwise be gained, or to vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations having emergency work to do on said streets or adjoining streets or to the United States Mail vehicles collecting mail on said streets.

Sec. 17.3 Travel prohibited in bus lanes by vehicles other than buses, authorized emergency vehicles, and bicycles

All vehicles, other than Buses, Authorized Emergency Vehicles actively responding to an emergency as described in G.L. c. 89, §7B, and Bicycles unless otherwise prohibited by signs and/or markings ("Bus Lane Authorized Vehicles"), are prohibited from operating in a designated Bus Lane, unless such vehicle is making an immediate right turn into a street or driveway, or to lawfully park or exit from a parking space in a parking area immediately adjacent to the Bus Lane, or to access or exit a Curb Loading Zone, a Commercial Vehicle Only Loading Zone, or a Flexible Loading Zone immediately adjacent to the Bus Lane. Vehicles other than Bus Lane Authorized Vehicles may only enter the Bus Lane 100 feet in advance of a right turn location, 50 feet in advance of a location where they are parking or loading immediately adjacent to the Bus Lane, and must exit any such Bus Lane within 50 feet after leaving such parking space or Curb Loading Zone, Commercial Vehicle Only Loading Zone, or Flexible Loading Zone, or as otherwise designated by signs and/or markings. Bus Lane Authorized Vehicles may enter, exit and travel in Bus Lanes pursuant to any designated signs and/or markings. Bus Lanes have been established as described in Schedule S, incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department.

Article XVIII - Use of streets for reasons other than the flow of traffic

Sec. 18.1 This section has been intentionally deleted.

Sec. 18.2 This section has been intentionally deleted.

Sec. 18.3 Temporary closing of streets

- (a) The Traffic Director or his/her designee or Police Commissioner or his/her designee is hereby authorized to close temporarily, any street or highway in an impending or existing emergency, public safety concern, or for any lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession provided there is reasonable justification for the closing of such street. At no time shall a street under routine or scheduled roadway construction be closed without permission from the Traffic Director or his/her designee.
- (b) The Traffic Director or his/her designee or Police Commissioner or his/her designee is hereby authorized to prohibit temporarily, stopping, standing, or parking on any street or highway or part thereof in any impending or existing emergency or for a lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession on or in the event of extraordinary or unusual circumstances. At no time shall a street under routine or scheduled roadway construction be closed without permission from the Traffic Director or his/her designee.

Sec. 18.4 Obstacles at intersections

- (a) No person shall construct or place any sign or other advertising device or obstacle upon the sidewalk of a height exceeding four feet above the roadway within twenty feet of an intersection.
- (b) This section shall not apply to poles, wires, conduits and appurtenances of telegraph and telephone, water, gas, electric light, heat and power companies, street lights or traffic-control devices.

Sec. 18.5 Snow or ice

- (a) No person shall throw or put snow or ice in the area of the roadway normally used by moving traffic.
- (b) No person shall pile snow or ice in any roadway or on any sidewalk near an intersection so as to obstruct the vision above a height of 4 feet within 20 feet of the intersection.

Sec. 18.6 Rubbish in street

Notwithstanding any regulation or ordinance to the contrary, no person shall deposit in any roadway at any place where the stopping or the standing or the parking of vehicles is prohibited by these regulations, any dead shrub or tree, trimmings, earth from cellars, or any rubbish, unless the same shall be immediately removed therefrom, at the expense of the owner or other person making such deposit.

Sec. 18.7 Occupation of streets designated as emergency arteries

- (a) Upon any street designated as an emergency artery, no person shall: occupy the street for the purpose of moving buildings; dig in or tear up the street; raise or lower goods into and from buildings; open manholes; erect any staging for building; deposit any stone, bricks, timber or building materials thereon; leave any article, material or merchandise; or park a cart or vehicle for the purpose of displaying merchandise; unless and until a permit has been issued by the Traffic Director.
- (b) Such permit as specified in this section shall specify the time, place, size and use of such opening, occupation or obstruction, and the time or times during which or within which the street must be in satisfactory condition to maintain the normal flow of traffic.
- (c) Such permit may require that the roadway be put in satisfactory condition by use of steel plating or other temporary structure during certain hours of the day, to maintain the flow of traffic, except when the work is of such emergency nature that the work continues on a 24 hour basis.
- (d) Such permit as specified herein shall not be issued in lieu of any other permits, deposits, bonds or insurance policy required by the general ordinances of the city, but shall apply in addition, thereto.
- (e) Any such person occupying the street in such manner as referred to herein, illegally, may be required to cease such occupation immediately, and such materials left illegally, may be moved by or under the direction of an officer and at the owners expense.

Sec. 18.8 Placing of structures in streets prohibited

- (a) No person shall place, erect or cause to be placed or erected within any roadway, any fixture or structure unless or until a permit has been issued by the Traffic Director.
- (b) Such permit shall not be issued unless a deposit, bond or insurance policy has been deposited with the city as specified by the General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge.

Article XIX - Penalties and procedure on arrest

Sec. 19.1 Penalties

Unless another penalty is expressly provided as described in Schedule 13, Section 21.2 hereof, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of these regulations shall be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred (300) dollars for each offense.

Sec. 19.2 Presumption in reference to illegal parking

In a prosecution charging a violation of any law or regulation governing the standing or parking of a vehicle, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked in violation of any such law or regulation, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time of such parking the registered owner of such vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a prime facie presumption that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked or placed such vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, such violation occurred.

Sec. 19.3 Tow away zones

- (a) The Traffic Director or such members of his/her staff as he/she may from time to time designate, or the Police Commissioner or such Police officers as he/she may from time to time designate are hereby authorized, with such limitations as are, or may be hereinafter set forth, to remove or cause to be removed to some convenient place any vehicle parked or standing within the limits of any street under the jurisdiction of the City of Cambridge, in violation of any of the provisions set forth in Sections 14.1, 14.4, 14.5(c,d), 14.7 as described in Schedule F, 14.9, 14.10 as described in Schedule G, 15.2 as described in Schedule H, 15.3 as described in Schedules J & K, 16.5 as described in Schedule 8, 16.6 as described in Schedule L, 16.7 and 16.8 as described in Schedule 9 of these regulations; and in any place where official traffic signs prohibit the parking of vehicles provided such signs bear the legend "Tow-Away Zone" as described in Schedule 6A, 6B, 6D, 6E and 7A and in any place where official traffic signs prohibit the stopping or standing of vehicles provided such signs bear the legend "Tow Away Zone".
- (b) When vehicles are removed as authorized in Paragraph (a) above, the owner of the vehicle so removed or towed away shall be liable for the cost of such removal and storage charges as follows:
 - (1) Removal or Towing fee not to exceed that which is provided in and as authorized in G.L. c.40, §22D.
 - (2) Storage fee not to exceed that which is provided in and as authorized in G.L. c.40, §22D.
- (c) The contractor shall be liable to the owner for any damage arising out of negligence caused to a vehicle in the course of removal and storage.
- (d) The Emergency Communications Department shall keep a record of all vehicles towed or removed under the provisions of this section. Such record shall be retained for one
 - (1) year and shall contain the following information:
 - (1) The registration of the vehicle;
 - (2) The location from which it was towed and time and date of tow order;
 - (3) The location to which it was moved;
 - (4) The fee charged for towing;
 - (5) Name of towing contractor, if any;
 - (6) Name and rank of officer who authorized towing.
- (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle specifically exempt by G.L. c.40, §22D.

Sec. 19.4 Impounding of repeatedly tagged motor vehicles

- (a) The Traffic Director, or such members of his/her staff as he/she may from time to time designate or the Police Commissioner, or such Police Officers as he/she may from time to time designate, may impound by means of a mechanical device or cause to be impounded, through the agency of a person or persons in the employ of the Traffic Department or the Police Department, or by an independent contractor, any vehicle parked or standing on any part of any way under the control of the City, if five or more notices have been affixed as provided in G.L. c.90, §20 A1/2 and remain unpaid. The cost of impounding, removal and storage resulting therefrom shall be at the expense of the registered owner. Any vehicle so impounded shall be held until all charges imposed for impounding, removal, storage and parking fine notices have been paid.

- (b) The Traffic Department or the Police Department shall promptly mail written notice to the registered owner of such vehicle so removed directed to the address furnished by the Registry of Motor Vehicles or comparable agency of the State in which said vehicle is registered, stating the date on which such vehicle was removed, the location to which such vehicle has been removed, and a statement that the vehicle shall be released by the City on the payment of all fines, storage and towing charges due. Vehicles owned by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof or by the United States or any instrumentality hereof or registered by a member of a foreign diplomatic corps or by a foreign consular officer who is a citizen of the United States and bearing a distinctive number plate or otherwise conspicuously marked as so owned or registered, and except also a vehicle owned by a disabled veteran and bearing a distinctive number plate authorized by G.L. c.90, §2, shall not, however, be subject to such impoundment.
- (c) Any such vehicle so removed shall be deemed to have been abandoned and may be disposed of in accordance with G.L. c.90, §22C if, within thirty days of the mailing of the notice to the registered owner as provided for herein, said owner has not paid all charges imposed for such removal and storage following the same and the fines providing such notices affixed to said vehicle.

Article XX - Effect of and short title of regulations

Sec. 20.1 Effect of regulations

If any part or parts of these regulations are for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of these regulations.

Sec. 20.2 Short title

These regulations may be known and cited as the Traffic Regulations.

Article XXI - Schedules

Sec. 21.1 Schedules 1 - 12 and A - N

Published under separate cover and located at the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department office. See Appendix C.

Sec. 21.2 Schedule 13

In accordance with Section 19.1, the following specific penalties are hereby established for violations of the following sections of these regulations; Section 13. Sections 14.1(b)(3), 14.1(b)(5), 14.2, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6(a)(b) and 14.8. Sections 15.2, 15.4(d) and 15.5b. Sections 16.3(a), (e) and (f), 16.4(a), 16.4(c), 16.9, 16.13, and 16.14. Section 18.3(b).

The penalties for the above sections shall be \$25 except for the following sections: 14.1(a) 2-3 and 7, 14.1(b) 9-10, 14.7(a)(b), 14.9(a)(b), 16.4(b), 16.8, and 16.14 shall be \$30. Sections 14.1(a)1, 14.1(a)9, 14.1(a) 4-6, 14.1(b)2, 14.1(b) 6-8, 16.3(f) and 16.5(b) shall be \$40. Sections 14.1(a)(10), 15.2, and 16.7 shall be \$50.00. Sections 14.1(a)(8), Section 14.1(b)(4), Section 14.7(d), Section 15.4(a)(b) and Section 15.5(a) shall be \$100.00. Section 16.3(d) shall be \$120.00.

The first late penalty shall be \$10 for all sections except 14.7(d), 15.2, 15.5(a) and 16.7. The

first late penalty for Sections 15.2 and 15.5(a) shall be \$0. The first late penalty for Section 14.7(d) and 16.7 shall be \$5. The second late penalty shall be \$0 for Sections 15.5(a) and 16.7. The second late penalty shall be \$5 for Sections 14.1(a) 4-6, 14.1(b) 6-8, 15.2, 16.3(f) and 16.5(b). The second late penalty shall be \$10 for Sections 14.1(a)(1), 14.1(a)(9), 14.1(a)(10) and 14.1(b)(2). The second late penalty shall be \$15 for Sections 14.1(a) 2-3 and 7, 14.1(b)(4), 14.1(b) 9-10, 14.7(a)(b), 14.9(a)(b), 16.4(a), 16.4(b), 16.8, and 16.14. The second late penalty shall be \$20 for Sections 13, 14.1(a)(8), 14.1(b)(3), 14.1(b)(5), 14.2, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6, 14.8, 15.2(d), 15.4, 16.3(a)(d)(e), 16.9, 16.13, and 18.3. The third late penalty (non-renewal) shall be \$40.00 for all sections except for Section 15.5(a). All late penalties per the Law of the Commonwealth, G.L. c.90 §20A½.

Article XXII - Regulations for scooters, inline skates, skateboards and electronic personal assistive mobility device

Sec. 22.1 Required equipment

- (a) Every scooter, inline skate, skateboard or electronic personal assistive mobility device operated upon a way shall be equipped with a braking system to enable the operator to bring the scooter, inline skate, skateboard or electronic personal assistive mobility device to a smooth safe stop within fifteen (15) feet on a dry, clean, hard, level surface.
- (b) Every operator of a scooter, inline skate, or skateboard operated upon a way shall wear a helmet that meets the requirements for safety as per the Law of the Commonwealth, G.L.c.85, s11B and s11B1/2.

Sec. 22.2 Riding on sidewalks

- (a) Pedestrians have the right of way on all sidewalks. The operator of a scooter, inline skate, skateboard or electronic personal assistive mobility device shall yield to pedestrians in all traffic situations.
- (b) The operator of a scooter, inline skate, skateboard or electronic personal assistive mobility device shall ride at a speed no greater than an ordinary walking speed when on a sidewalk or while entering or exiting a sidewalk.
- (c) The operator of a scooter, inline skate, skateboard or electronic personal assistive mobility device shall give an audible warning before passing a pedestrian far enough in advance to allow the pedestrian time to react.
- (d) No person shall operate a scooter, inline skate, skateboard or electronic personal assistive mobility device on a sidewalk in a manner that endangers or would potentially endanger any person.
- (e) No person shall operate a scooter, inline skate, skateboard or electronic personal assistive mobility device on a way or on public property in a manner that damages, defaces or vandalizes public property.

Sec. 22.3 Riding banned on certain streets and districts

- (a) No person shall ride a scooter, inline skate, skateboard or electronic personal assistive mobility device on any sidewalk within a Business District as defined in Article 1.

- (b) No person shall ride a scooter, inline skate, skateboard or electronic personal assistive mobility device on any sidewalk as described in Schedule 4B incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at the Traffic Department and which has been posted with appropriate signs.

Article XXIII - Regulations for motorized scooters

Sec. 23.1 Required equipment

- (a) Every person operating a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge shall wear protective headgear conforming to the standards governing bicycles helmets.
- (b) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge unless such motorized scooter is equipped with a braking system to enable the operator to bring the scooter traveling at a speed of fifteen miles per hour to a smooth safe stop within thirty feet on a dry, clean, hard level surface.
- (c) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge unless the handlebars are below shoulder height of the operator.

Sec. 23.2 Operating regulations

- (a) A person under the age of 16 may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge.
- (b) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge at a speed in excess of twenty-five miles per hour.
- (c) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, safety of any person or the property of any other person.
- (d) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge while under the influence of alcohol as set forth in G. L. c. 90 s. 24.
- (e) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge in violation of any federal, state, or local traffic and parking laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations.
- (f) A person operating a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge may not permit any person to ride as a passenger on such scooter.
- (g) A person operating a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge may not pass or overtake another motorized scooter traveling in the same direction.

- (h) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge during hours of darkness (one half hour before sunrise or one half hour after sunset).
- (i) No person can park a motorized scooter in such a manner as to restrict safe and unobstructed access for pedestrians. No parked motor scooter shall impede access to persons with disabilities.

Sec. 23.3 Riding banned in certain areas

- (a) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any sidewalk, except as may be necessary to enter or leave adjacent property.
- (b) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge prohibiting bicycles.
- (c) A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, highway, boulevard, avenue, court, lane, alley, square, and place under the control of the City of Cambridge with a posted speed limit greater than 30 m.p.h.
- (d) A person may not operate a motorized scooter on an off-street recreational bicycle path, park, playground or other City owned recreational facilities.

Sec. 23.4 Enforcement

- (a) A person who is charged with violating this regulation shall give his or her name or address to the enforcing authority
- (b) A person who violates this section or knowingly permits another to violate this section shall be punished by a fine of \$50 in the manner provided by G. L. c. 40, §21D. The police department is the enforcing authority for violations of this section.
- (c) This section shall not be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action or other legal remedy available to the City.

Article XXIV - Regulations for special district parking

Sec. 24.1 Special district

Special Districts 12, 13 and 14 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance, §§17.300, 17.400 and 17.500 respectively, adopted by the City Council in October of 2003, and which incorporate the October 27, 2003 Letter of Commitment from Harvard University, contemplated the construction of new university housing pursuant to incentive provisions permitting greater densities than the base zoning. The public hearing processes before the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board identified serious concerns of over burdening demand for on-street parking in these Special Districts. In the support of creation of affordable housing in Special District 12 and the need to provide affordable parking options to those residents, they will be excluded from this restriction. In support of the creation of affordable housing in Special District 12 and the need to provide affordable parking options to those residents, they will be excluded from this restriction. In the Letter of Commitment Harvard agreed to provide certain university parking and agreed further not to oppose creation of a City policy of prohibiting issuance of on-street parking permits to residents of new housing development constructed after October 27, 2003 in said Special Districts.

Accordingly there is hereby created a special district parking regulation to be effective within said Special Districts 12, 13 and 14.

Sec. 24.2 Eligibility for resident parking permits and visitor passes

Residents (owners and occupants) of all new university dormitories and housing development constructed after October 27, 2003 within said Special Districts 12, 13 and 14 shall not be eligible to receive a Resident Parking Permit or Visitor Pass from the City of Cambridge for on-street parking.

Appendix A - Selected State Acts

Chapter 455, Acts of 1961

An Act establishing a Department of Traffic and Parking in the City of Cambridge as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 786 of the Acts of 1962, Chapter 340 of the Acts of 1972, Chapter 239 of the Acts of 1977, Chapters 166, 424, and 585 of the Acts of 1981 and Chapter 441 of the Acts of 1991.

Be it enacted, as follows:

Section 1. There is established in the City of Cambridge hereinafter referred to as the City, a department of traffic and parking, consisting of a director of traffic and parking, hereinafter referred to as the traffic director and such staff as may be appointed. The traffic director shall be a traffic engineer, possessing the qualifications required for associate or full membership in the Institute of Traffic Engineers. He shall be appointed and may be removed by the city manager. The traffic director's compensation shall be fixed by the city council. Upon recommendation of the traffic director, the city manager shall have the authority to create subordinate staff positions in the department of traffic and parking including parking control officers. The traffic director shall make appointments to such subordinate positions. The city manager may appoint persons to fill these positions and may remove them pursuant to law. The traffic director shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

Section 2. There is also established in the City of Cambridge a board of traffic and parking, hereinafter referred to as the traffic board, consisting of three citizen members to be appointed by the city manager. Of the members first appointed by said manager, one shall be appointed for a term of three years. Upon the expiration of the term of a member his successor shall be appointed for a term of three years. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. No person holding public office in said city and no salaried employee of said city shall be eligible for appointment. A member shall not receive any compensation for his services, but shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred by him in carrying out his duties. The city manager shall each year designate one of the members to serve as chairman of the traffic board.

The traffic board shall carry out the functions prescribed for it in clause (a) of section three and, in addition, shall be available to the traffic director for advice and consultation with respect to all of his activities.

Meetings of the traffic board shall be called by the chairman either on his own motion or on request of the traffic director. Notice of meetings shall be sent to the board members, the traffic director, the planning director, the chief of police, the chief of the fire department and the commissioner of public works. All of said persons may attend board meetings and may present their views, but only board members may vote.

Section 3. The traffic director shall have exclusive authority, except as otherwise provided in this act, to take any and all of the following actions, if he determines that such actions serve

the public safety, welfare or convenience. Subject to the provisions of section two of chapter eighty-five of the General Laws:

(a) The traffic director may adopt, alter or repeal rules and regulations, not inconsistent with general law as modified by this act, relative to vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the streets of the city and to the movement, stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on, and their exclusion from, all or any streets, ways, highways, roads and parkways under the control of the city, including the restricting of parking in the three spaces located in front of #2050 Massachusetts Avenue except by the visitors to the North Cambridge Senior Center and including rules and regulations designating any way or part thereof under such control as a through way under and subject to the provisions of section nine of chapter eighty-nine of the General Laws. Any rule or regulation adopted under this clause, prohibiting the parking or standing of vehicles on the whole or any part or parts of one or more streets, ways, highways, roads or parkways under the control of the city may provide that it shall not apply in such residential areas as shall be specified, and at such times as shall be prescribed, in such rule or regulation, to any motor vehicle registered under chapter ninety, Section 2 of the General Laws as principally garaged in the city and owned or used by a person residing in such area who, in the year in which such vehicle is parked or in the preceding December for such year, shall have given, by a writing executed in such form and detail as such rule and regulation shall prescribe and filed with the chief of police, notice of intention to park in such area and shall display in a conspicuous place on such vehicle, while parked, such visible evidence of the giving of such notice as such rule or regulation shall prescribe; but neither the giving of such notice nor the issuance of visible evidence of the giving thereof shall be construed to assign any specific space to any person or vehicle. The traffic director may prescribe a schedule of fines not exceeding fifteen dollars for each violation of parking regulations in the calendar year as authorized by section twenty C of chapter ninety of the General Laws. All other violations of regulations adopted under the provisions of this act, except as otherwise provided by statute, shall be subject to fines not to exceed fifty dollars for each offense as set forth in the regulations.

No such adoption, alteration or repeal shall take effect until public notice of the proposed action has been given, except with respect to such special rules or regulations as are declared by the traffic director to be urgently required for the public safety or welfare or such as are of a temporary nature and are to be effective for a period of not more than three weeks. Public notice shall be given by publication in full of the proposed adoption, alteration or repeal not less than once in each of three successive weeks in one or more newspapers published or distributed in the city. The public notice shall include a statement of the effective date of the proposed action, which shall not be less than twenty-one days following the first of the three newspaper publications. Upon the filing of petitions with the traffic board by not less than fifty registered voters of the city, relative to any rule or regulation proposed to be adopted, altered or repealed and not yet in effect, the proposed action shall be suspended and the traffic board shall hold a public hearing thereon within two weeks of the date the petitions were filed and shall by majority vote approve or disapprove the proposed action within two weeks following the public hearing.

Upon the filing of petitions with the traffic board by not less than (50) fifty registered voters of the city, relative to any rule or regulation which has been adopted, altered or repealed for a period of at least thirty days, the traffic board shall hold a public hearing thereon within two weeks of the date the petitions were filed and shall, following such hearing determine by majority vote whether to void the adoption, alteration or repeal of the rule or regulation.

(b) The traffic director may erect, make and maintain, or cause to be erected, made and maintained, traffic signs, signals, markings and other devices for the control of traffic and parking in the city and for informing and warning the public as to rules and regulations adopted under this act, subject, however, to section two of chapter eighty-five and to sections eight and nine of chapter eighty-nine of the General Laws.

(c) The traffic director may recommend to the city council the alteration, construction, erection, installation and maintenance of street lights.

(d) The traffic director with the approval of the city manager may retain the services of qualified consultants when such retention is deemed necessary or advisable.

(e) The traffic director may promulgate regulations which provide that the traffic director, or such members of his staff as he may from time to time designate, or the chief of police or such police officers as he may from time to time designate, may remove or cause to be removed to some convenient place, through the agency of a person or persons in the employ of the department of traffic and parking, or by an independent contractor, any vehicle parked or standing on any part of any way under the control of the city in such manner as to impede in any way the removal of plowing of snow or ice or in violation of any rule or regulation adopted under this section which prohibits the parking or standing of all vehicles on such part at such time and recites that whoever violates it shall be liable to charges for the removal and storage of the vehicle as well as subject to punishment by fine, and said regulations may impose liability for the reasonable cost of such removal, and of the storage charges, if any, resulting therefrom on the owner of such vehicle. Said regulations may also provide that if a vehicle is removed pursuant to a rule or regulation adopted under this section, such vehicle shall be held until all charges lawfully imposed for such removal and storage have been paid and if in the calendar year in which such vehicle is so removed and in the preceding calendar year, five or more notices, in the aggregate, have been affixed to said vehicle as provided in section twenty C of chapter ninety of the General Laws, until due notice has been received that either the fines provided in such notices have been paid or security for the payment thereof has been deposited. Said regulations may also provide that a motor vehicle may, in any calendar year, if in such year and in the preceding calendar year, five or more notices, in the aggregate, have been affixed to said vehicle as provided in said section twenty C and have not been disposed of be removed and stored, as provided in this clause, until all charges Lawfully imposed for such removal and storage have been paid and due notice has been received that either the fines provided in such notices have been paid or security for the payment thereof has been deposited. The police department shall promptly mail written notice to the registered owner of any such vehicle so removed, directed to the address furnished by the registry of motor vehicles or comparable agency of the state in which said vehicle is registered, stating the date on which such vehicle was removed, the location to which it has been

removed, and a statement that it will be released on the payment of all fines, storage and towing charges due. Any such vehicle so removed shall be deemed to have been abandoned and may be disposed of in accordance with section twenty-two C of said chapter ninety, if, within thirty days of mailing of the notice to the registered owner as provided for herein, said owner has not paid all charges imposed for such removal and storage, and due notice has not been received that either the fines provided in the notices affixed to said vehicle have been paid or security for the payment thereof has been deposited. Vehicles owned by the commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof or by the United States or any instrumentality thereof or registered by a member of a foreign diplomatic corps or by a foreign consular officer who is not a citizen of the United States and bearing a distinctive number plate or otherwise conspicuously marked as so owned or registered, and except also a vehicle owned by a disabled veteran and bearing a distinctive number plate authorized by section two of said chapter ninety, shall not, however, be subject to such removal.

(f) The traffic director may promulgate regulations which provide that the traffic director, or such members of his staff as he may from time to time designate, or the chief of police, or such police officers as he may from time to time designate, may impound, by means or a "Denver Boot", so-called, or other immobilization devices, or cause to be impounded, through the agency of a person or persons in the employ of the department of traffic and parking or the police department, or by an independent contractor, any vehicle parked or standing on any part of any way under the control of the city, if in the calendar year in which such vehicle is so impounded and in the preceding calendar year, five or more notices, in the aggregate, have been affixed as provided in section twenty C of chapter ninety of the General Laws, until due notice has been received that either the fine provided in such notices has been paid or security for the payment thereof has been deposited. Said regulations may impose liability for the reasonable cost of such impoundment on the owner of such vehicle and may provide that if a vehicle is so impounded, such vehicle shall be held until all charges lawfully imposed for such impoundment have been paid. The traffic and parking department or the police department shall promptly mail written notice to the registered owner of any such vehicle so impounded, directed to the address furnished by the registry of motor vehicles or comparable agency for the state in which said vehicle is registered, stating the date on which such vehicle was impounded, the location at which it was impounded, and a statement that it will be released on the payment of all fines and charges lawfully imposed for such impoundment. Any such vehicle so impounded shall be deemed to have been abandoned and may be disposed of in accordance with section twenty-two C of said Chapter ninety, if, within thirty days of the mailing of the notice to the registered owner as provided for herein, said owner has not paid all charges imposed for such impounding, and due notice has not been received that either the fines provided in the notices affixed to said vehicle have been paid or security for the payment thereof has been deposited. Vehicles owned by the commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof or by the United States or any instrumentality thereof or registered by a member of a foreign diplomatic corps or by a foreign consular officer who is a citizen of the United States and bearing a distinctive number plate or otherwise conspicuously marked as so owned or registered and except also a vehicle owned by a disabled veteran and bearing

a distinctive number plate authorized by section two of said chapter ninety, shall not, however, be subject to such impoundment. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the traffic director to adopt, alter or repeal any rule or regulation excluding the trackless trolley vehicles or buses of a street railway or bus company from any way or part thereof in which said company has a location; or to modify or limit any power or authority of the metropolitan district commission, state department of public works or state department of public utilities; or modify or limit any power or authority of the mayor, city council, city manager or of any board or head of a department with reference to the issuance of licenses or permits for the opening, using or occupying of streets and sidewalks for reasons not relating to traffic.

Section 4. The planning director, the chief of police, the chief of the fire department, the commissioner of public works, the city engineer, the city electrician and city solicitor shall be available to the department of traffic and parking to advise on matters relating to their respective departments and shall be responsible for putting into effect the rules and regulations adopted by the department of traffic and parking in so far as such rules and regulations relate to their respective departments. The traffic director shall co-operate with the planning board and with such public carriers as may be authorized and licensed to render service within the city, on matters relating to traffic and planning, and shall co-operate with the planning board on all matters that may relate to the need for, location, construction, erection and maintenance of public parking facilities or of private parking facilities for public use within the city. When it is necessary to co-ordinate with federal, state or other local agencies on matters of traffic movement and traffic planning, the traffic director may serve as liaison for the city.

Section 5. Chapter one hundred and sixty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-two is hereby repealed.

Section 6. Section 20A of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the fifth paragraph, inserted by section 3 of chapter 233 of the acts of 1961 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

The Boston traffic commission shall from time to time establish, with the approval of the city council of the city of Boston, in accordance with the provisions of the charter of said city, by rule or regulation, a schedule of fines for offenses subject to this section committed in the city of Boston; provided, however, that the Boston traffic commission shall not establish under the provisions of this paragraph any fine exceeding fifteen dollars.

Section 7 The city of Cambridge shall from time to time establish by ordinance a schedule of fines for offenses subject to section twenty A of chapter ninety of the General Laws and committed in the city of Cambridge; but said city shall not establish any fine for any such offense which shall exceed fifteen dollars.

Section 8. Sections six and seven of this act shall take effect upon its passage. Sections one to five, inclusive and section nine of this act shall take effect, and section seven shall be repealed, upon acceptance by vote of the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter. All existing ordinances and regulations relating to the control of vehicular traffic, including those relating to the parking of vehicles on any streets, ways, highways, roads and parkways, under the control of the city, shall remain in full force and effect until superseded by rules and regulations adopted by the traffic director pursuant to clause (a) of section three, and the adoption thereof shall not affect any act done, any right accrued, any penalty incurred or any suit, prosecution or proceeding pending at the time of such adoption.

Section 9. At any time after the expiration of four years from the date of acceptance of this act, such acceptance may be revoked by a two thirds vote of the city council. Upon such revocation, all existing rules and regulations shall remain in full force and effect until superseded by ordinances and regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of law then applicable to said city and neither such revocation nor such adoption of superseding ordinances or regulations shall effect any act done, any right accrued, any penalty incurred or any suit, prosecution or proceeding pending, prior to said revocation or said adoption.

Appendix B - Related state traffic laws

CHAPTER 40, SECTION 21

Requiring that designated spaces for disabled veterans or by persons with disabilities be provided in public and private off-street parking area. (Establishes the formula of the number of disability spaces required in a public or private lot and dimensions of said parking spaces.)

CHAPTER 40, SECTION 22A

Parking meters, fees; exemption from fees for disabled veterans and persons with disabilities; restricted parking areas for veterans and persons with disabilities. (Establishes exemption from fees for vehicles disability plate or placard and penalty for vehicles parked illegally in a disability parking space.)

CHAPTER 40, SECTION 22D

Vehicles parked in violation of law; removal. (Allows cities to tow away/remove vehicles parking in or obstructing handicapped parking spaces on public property)

CHAPTER 85, SECTION 11A – 11D

Bicycle Laws

CHAPTER 89, SECTION 9

Designation of highways as through ways; erection and maintenance of stop and yield signs and other traffic controls devices; obedience to traffic control signs and devices; penalties. (As referred to in Section 8.1 of these regulations. Authority to post Stop and Yield restrictions on a public right-of-way and restriction of vehicles "blocking the intersection".)

CHAPTER 90, SECTION 1B

Motorized Bicycles; Operation Regulations

CHAPTER 90, SECTION 14

Precautions for safety of other travelers. (As referred to in Section 6.1 of these regulations. Establishes the law regulating how a motor vehicle should pass a bicycle or School Bus and how a motor vehicle should conduct a left turn from one street to another.)

CHAPTER 90, SECTION 20A 1/2

Parking violations; tags; appearance; failure to appear. (States how parking violations should be attached to a vehicle, Parking violation notifications and appeals, set standard fees for violations and also late fees for violations, which vehicles are "Boot" eligible.)

CHAPTER 90, SECTION 22B

Abandonment of motor vehicles; penalties. (On public and private property)

CHAPTER 90E, SECTION 1-3

Bikeways

CHAPTER 266, SECTION 120D

Removal of motor vehicle from private ways or property; procedure; penalties; liability for removal and storage charges; release of vehicle.

The General Laws of Massachusetts can be searched at malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/Search.

Appendix C - LIST OF SCHEDULES 1 – 13 AND A – Q

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Schedule 13 printed in Appendix D.)

Schedule 1	This schedule is intentionally deleted.
Schedule 2	Section 5.1, Reduced Speed Limits
Schedule 3	Section 7.2, One Way Streets
Schedule 4	Section 7.3, Do Not Enter Regulations
Schedule 4A	Section 4.5(c)(2) & (3), No Turn on Red
Schedule 4B	Section 12.8(b), No Bicycles on Sidewalks
Schedule 5	Section 8.1, Through Streets
Schedule 6	Section 16.3(a), No Parking Anytime, ie driveway clearance
Schedule 6A	Section 16.3(a), No Parking Anytime Tow-Away Zone
Schedule 6D	Section 16.3(d), Handicapped Parking Tow-Away Zone
Schedule 6E	Section 16.3(e), Reserved Parking Tow-Away Zone
Schedule 7	Section 16.4(a), No Parking Hours
Schedule 7A	Section 16.4(a), No Parking Hours Tow-Away Zone
Schedule 7B	Section 16.4(b), Resident Permit Parking
Schedule 7C	Section 16.4(c) Time Limit Parking Except by Residential Parking Permit
Schedule 8	Section 16.5(b), Snow Emergency Arteries
Schedule 9	Section 16.8, No Stopping Tow-Away Zone
Schedule 10	Section 16.9, Time Limited Parking
Schedule 10A	Section 16.12, Parking Meter Rates
Schedule 11	Section 17.1, Weight Limit
Schedule 12	Section 17.2, Trucks Restrictions

Schedule 13	Section 21.2, Parking Ticket Violations (see Appendix D)
Schedule A	Section 6.2 & 6.3, Turn Restrictions
Schedule B	Section 8.2, Isolated Stop & Yield
Schedule C	Section 13.3, Angle Parking Only
Schedule D	This schedule has been intentionally deleted.
Schedule E	Section 14.6, Schools & Public Building Entrances
Schedule F	Section 14.7, Parking Prohibited on Narrow Streets – Fire Lane
Schedule G	Section 14.9, Hazardous Location
Schedule H	Section 15.1, Loading Zones
Schedule I	This schedule has been intentionally left blank
Schedule J	Section 15.3, Bus Stops or Stands
Schedule K	Section 15.3, Taxi Stands
Schedule L	Section 16.5, No Parking on One Side During Snow Emergency
Schedule M	Section 16.7, Street Cleaning
Schedule N	Section 16.12, Parking Meters Installation
Schedule O	Section 12.5(d), Riding on Roadways – Bike Lanes.
Schedule P	Section 12.5(e), Riding on Roadways – Contra-flow Bike Lanes.
Schedule Q	Section 9.29, Shared Street