

**CITY OF FRAMINGHAM
MASSACHUSETTS**

**TRAFFIC, PARKING AND
TRANSPORTATION
REGULATIONS**

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ARTICLE 1 IN GENERAL

Art. 1 Sec. 1 CONSTRUCTION OF DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND PHRASES

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. Whenever any words and phrases used herein are not 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.

Art.1 Sec. 2 DEFINITIONS

ABANDONED BICYCLE A bicycle with one or more of the following defects that can be removed by the Public Works Department and/or Police 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 handlebars (See Article 4 Section 13)

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 Police and Fire and Departments, and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the Traffic Commission. (See Emergency Vehicles)

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.

BICYCLE – E-BIKE

Class 1: Bicycle or tricycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches 20 mph, with an electric motor of 750 watts or less.

Class 2: Bicycle or tricycle equipped with a throttle-actuated motor that ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches 20 mph, with an electric motor of 750 watts or less.

BIKE PATH

A route for the exclusive use of non-motorized modes of traffic 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 STOP

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

The territory contiguous to any way, which is built up with structures devoted to business.

CHANNELIZING ISLAND

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

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

Any motor vehicle displaying a government issued commercial license plate.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE, HEAVY

Any vehicle which is used in the commercial transportation of goods, wares, merchandise or materials, and which has, in the case of use on main highways, a carrying capacity of 5 tons, or over, and in the case of all other ways, a carrying capacity of 2 ½ tons or over.

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 roadway.

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 MARKING

That portion of a curbing, the painting of which has been authorized by the Traffic Commission.

DISABLED PLACARD VEHICLE

A vehicle properly displaying a disabled placard issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 2.

DISABLED (HP) PLATE VEHICLE

A vehicle bearing a distinctive number plate authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 2.

DISABLED VETERAN (DV) PLATE VEHICLE

A vehicle bearing a distinctive number plate authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 2.

DIVIDED HIGHWAY

A highway with separated roadways for traffic in opposite directions.

DRIVEWAY

A private road serving as a means for 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.

EMERGENCY ARTERY

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

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DIVISIONS

The 911 Emergency Dispatch Center Divisions of the Police and Fire Departments.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Vehicles of the Fire Department, Police Department vehicles, ambulances and emergency vehicles of federal, state or municipal departments or public service corporations when the latter are responding to an emergency in support of the Police or Fire Departments.

FIRE LANE

That portion of a public way or private parking lot, private driveway or private road which is designed to provide access of fire trucks to any building or location and which is specifically posted as such.

FUNERAL PROCESSION

Any procession of vehicles properly identified as such accompanying the remains of a human body.

INTERSECTION

The area within the extensions of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines, of intersecting ways as defined in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 1, including divided ways. The Rules and Regulations herein contained governing and restricting the movement of vehicles at or near intersecting ways shall apply at any place along any way at which drivers are to be controlled by traffic control signals whether or not such place is an intersection as herein defined.

LANE

A longitudinal division of a roadway into a strip of sufficient width to accommodate the passage of a single line of vehicles, whether or not such lane is indicated by pavement markings or longitudinal construction joints.

LANED ROADWAY

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

LOADING ZONE

An area in the roadway, adjacent to the curb or edge of road, set aside for the temporary use only of motor vehicles for the purpose of and while actually loading or unloading.

MOPED

Either a pedal bicycle with a helper motor or a non-pedal bicycle with a motor, which has all of the following characteristics:

- Have a cylinder capacity of no more than 50 cubic centimeters.
- Have an automatic transmission.
- Be capable of a maximum speed of no more than 30 miles per hour.
- Comply with all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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 a "motorized bicycle" under Massachusetts General Laws, 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 Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 except as may otherwise herein be defined.

MULTI - SPACE PARKING METER

A device for the acceptance of required parking fees for more than one parking stall. A multi-space meter may regulate parking spaces on-street (curbside, parallel, or angled spaces).

MULTI - SPACE PARKING METER SPACES

Any parking space designated or not, where at least one posted sign states requirement for payment at a multi-space meter.

PARKING

The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other 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 vehicles.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Officers of the Traffic Division of the Police Department authorized to enforce all parking rules and regulations.

PAYMENT

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 coins, paper currency and electronic currency (i.e. credit card, smart cards or other stored value cards) which has been approved by the Traffic Commission, for specially designed parking meters or electronic parking modules.

PEDESTRIAN

Any person afoot or riding on a conveyance moved by human muscular power or a motorized wheel chair, except bicycles, or tricycles, roller skates, scooters and skateboards.

PERSON

The word "person" shall mean and include every natural person, individual, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

POLICE OFFICER(S)

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, provided they are in uniform or displays their badge of office.

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 at-grade.

ROADWAY

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

ROLLER / IN-LINE SKATES

Any shoe with an attachment of two or more wheels.

ROTARY TRAFFIC

The counterclockwise operation of vehicles or a vehicle around an object, structure, or island in the roadway. May also be termed Traffic Circle or Roundabout.

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 placed under the authority of the Traffic Commission.

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 person.

SCHOOL ZONE

A School Zone as referred to in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 17 shall only be construed to be that section of a way which abuts the grounds of a school and is posted and marked in accordance with MassDOT Standards to indicate the applicability of the statutory speed limits of 20 miles per hour for all vehicles in accordance with the terms permitted for the Zone (see Schedule 15).

SERVICE ZONE

An area in the roadway set aside for the accommodation of commercial and transient vehicular traffic.

SIDEWALK

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

SKATEBOARD

A non-motorized vehicle consisting of a long foot board between 2 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.

SPEED HUMPS

A street surface condition consisting of gradual elevations 3 inches to 4 inches high at the midpoint and running 10 feet to 14 feet along the length of the street at the base with the one foot sections at each end tapered flush with the street surface to facilitate street drainage, and subject to such further design criteria as may be determined by the Traffic Engineer.

STAND OR STANDING

Means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers; in obedience to a Police officer or traffic control device; or to avoid conflict with other traffic.

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 property lines of every way publicly maintained (repaired or plowed) when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

STREET MARKING

Any painted or thermoplastic line, legend, marking or marker of any description painted or installed upon any way which purports to direct or regulate traffic and which has been authorized by the Traffic Commission.

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 street or highway for purposes of travel.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Physical road design elements intended to reduce vehicle speeds, improve safety, and improve driver attentiveness.

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 DEVICES

All signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with these rules and regulations, and which conform to the standards prescribed by MassDOT and/or by the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and/or The Institute of Transportation Engineers Reference Manuals and which are placed or erected by authority of the Traffic Commission for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning, or regulating traffic.

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL

Any device using colored lights, which conforms to the standards as prescribed by MassDOT 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 ENGINEER OR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Engineering resources from the Department of Public Works that provide technical and administrative support to the Traffic Commission.

TRAFFIC ISLAND

Any area or space set aside, within or surrounded by a roadway, or within an off-street parking area controlled by the City, which is not intended for use by vehicular traffic.

TRAFFIC SIGNS

All signs, conforming to the standards as prescribed by Traffic Engineering not inconsistent with these rules and orders, placed or erected by authority of the Traffic Commission, for the purpose of directing or warning traffic.

U-TURN

The turning of a vehicle by means of a continuous turn whereby the direction of such vehicle is reversed.

VEHICLE(S)

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 and devices which derive their power for operation from stationary overhead wires.

WAY

Any public highway, private way laid out under authority of statute, way dedicated to public use or way under the control of park commissioners or body having like powers.

Art. 1 Sec. 3 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.

Art. 1 Sec. 4 EXPERIMENTAL REGULATIONS

For purposes of trial the Traffic Commission may make temporary rules regulating traffic or test under actual conditions of traffic signs, signals, markings or other devices. Such experimental rule regulating traffic shall remain in effect for a period of time less than 30 days unless otherwise ordered by the Traffic Commission and submitted to the City Council for their concurrence.

Art. 1 Sec. 5 SCHOOL ZONES (See Schedule 15)

A School Zone as referred to in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 17, shall be construed to be only that section of a way which abuts the grounds of a school and is posted and marked in accordance with standards of the MassDOT, to indicate the applicability of the statutory speed limits of 20 miles per hour for all vehicles in accordance with the terms of the permit for the zone. See Schedule 15 for a listing of approved School Zones. Schedule 15 is appended hereto and is hereby specifically incorporated into this section.

Art. 1 Sec. 6 ZONES OF QUIET – HOSPITALS

All of the territory within 200 feet of the premises of the MetroWest Medical Center is hereby created and established as a zone of quiet. The Traffic Commission shall erect and maintain in the conspicuous manner within this area such signs and markings as are necessary to designate it as a zone of quiet.

Art. 1 Sec. 7 ZONES OF QUIET – TEMPORARY

The Chief of Police may temporarily establish a zone of quiet upon any street where a person is seriously ill. Said temporary zone of quiet shall embrace all territory within a radius of 200 feet of the building occupied by the person named in said request. Said temporary zones of quiet shall be designated by the Chief of Police by causing to be placed at a conspicuous place in the street a sign or marker bearing the words, "Zone of Quiet".

Art. 1 Sec. 8 ZONES OF QUIET - HORNS AND OTHER NOISES

No person operating a motor vehicle within any designated and signed zone of quiet shall sound the horn or other warning device except in an emergency.

Art. 1 Sec. 9 CLINGING TO VEHICLES

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

Art. 1 Sec. 10 CRASHES TO BE REPORTED

Every person operating a motor vehicle which is in any manner involved in a crash in which any person is killed or injured or, in which there is damage in excess of \$1,000.00 to any one vehicle or other property, shall report such crash within 5 days to the Registrar and to the Police Department in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 26.

Art. 1 Sec. 11 RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNER

If any vehicle is found upon any street in violation of any provision of Chapter 93 and the identity of the driver cannot be determined, the owner or the person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held prima facie responsible for such violation.

Art.1 Sec. 12 PENALTY (See Schedule 9)

Except as otherwise provided, any person convicted of a violation of any provision of Chapter 93 or these Rules and Regulations shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25. nor more than \$300. Any person violating any provision of any rule, regulation or order regulating the parking of motor vehicles within the City, made by any official body authorized to make the same, will be dealt with as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 20C, as amended, and any person violating any of the rules and regulations applicable to state highways, made by the MassDOT, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 85, Section 2 shall be subject to the penalty provided in said rules and regulations. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 20C.

Art. 1 Sec. 13 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.

Art. 1 Sec. 14 PETITIONS REQUIRED SIGNATURES

1: Petitions for the installation, removal or alteration of intersectional controls/regulations (traffic signals, stop signs, yield signs, no turn on red, etc.) require a total of 10 signatures (including the petitioner's) from residents.

2: Petitions for installation, removal or alteration of parking restrictions, truck exclusions, speed limits, bus stops, and all other traffic regulations must be signed by 10 residents

- 3: The following petitions shall be exempt from such signature requirements:
- 1: Petitions submitted by the Mayor and/or City Councilor;
 - 2: Petitions submitted by the Chief of Police and/or Fire Chief for safety reasons;
 3. Petitions submitted by one or more members of the Traffic Commission;
 - 4: Petitions submitted by the Clerk upon his/her determination that there is an inconsistency between a prior vote of the Commission due to a clerical oversight;
 - 5: Petitions for the installation, removal or alteration of disabled parking which shall be subject to the provisions adopted by the Traffic Commission; or
 6. When the minimum signature requirement is waived by the Traffic Commission.

Art. 1 Sec. 15 OWNER PRIMA FACIE RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLATIONS

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

ARTICLE 2 AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF POLICE

Art. 2 Sec. 1 AUTHORITY OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Officers of the Police Department or such officers as are assigned by the Chief of Police 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.

Officers of the Fire Department, when at the scene of a fire, or other emergency may assist the Police in directing, or, in the absence of Police, may direct traffic there or in the immediate vicinity.

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 Chief of Police or in his/her absence the officer in charge of the Police Department, or the Director of Lighting & Signals, or in his/her absence, the person in charge of the DPW Lighting & Signals Department.

Refer to Police Department Policy on Traffic Management and Enforcement #300-4

Art. 2 Sec. 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 I, 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.

Art. 2 Sec. 3 CLOSING STREETS

The Chief of Police or in his/her absence the officer in charge of the Police Department, may prohibit and close temporarily any street in an impending or existing emergency, or for any lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession, provided there is reasonable justification for the closing of such street.

Art. 2 Sec. 4 TEMPORARY CLOSING OF STREETS

The Chief of Police 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 Director of Public Works or his/her designee.

Art. 2 Sec. 5 TEMPORARY PARKING PROHIBITIONS

The Chief of Police or in his/her absence the officer in charge of the Police Department, may prohibit temporarily parking on any street or part thereof in an existing or impending emergency, or for a lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession, provided there is reasonable justification for such prohibition. Vehicles parked in places

where parking is prohibited temporarily may be moved by or under the direction of any officer.

Art. 2 Sec. 6 TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS

The Police shall maintain a suitable system of filing traffic crash reports. Crash reports or cards referring to them shall be filed alphabetically by location. Such reports, upon request, shall be available for the use and information of the Traffic Commission.

Art. 2 Sec. 7 TRAFFIC CRASH STUDIES

Whenever the crashes at any particular location becomes numerous, the Traffic Division of the Police Department shall cooperate with the Traffic Commission in conducting studies of such accidents and determining remedial measures.

The Chief of Police shall keep a record of all operators involved in accidents within his/her municipality.

The Chief of Police shall report to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles such operators as are found to be constant violators of these regulations.

Art. 2 Sec. 8 SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

(a) Whoever transports hazardous materials in such quantity as requires notification to the State Department of Public Health shall give notice to the Chiefs of the Fire and Police Departments at least 24 hours before such proposed transportation, stating the quantity, type of material, packaging, degree of radioactivity and shipping routes and time of such transfer.

(b) Such shipments shall not leave a state or interstate highway except in accordance with this section.

Art. 2 Sec. 9 POLICE TO DIRECT TRAFFIC; CONSTRUCTION SITES; DIRECTION IN EVENT OF FIRE OR EMERGENCY

It shall be the duty of officers, or others (ex. Flaggers, Firefighters) designated by the Chief of Police to enforce the provisions of these Rules and Regulations. Only sworn officers, or others approved by the Chief of Police, are hereby authorized to direct all traffic either in person or by means of visible or audio signals in conformance with the provision of these rules, including at construction sites in the public way. However, in the event of a fire or other emergency, to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police or Fire Department may direct traffic as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of these rules and regulations.

Art. 2 Sec. 10 DUTIES OF THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER /TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Provide technical and administrative support to the Traffic Commission, including, but not limited to the following Traffic Engineering analyses, traffic signal timing, traffic signs, and markings, intersection designs and other standard Traffic Engineer practices; Bus routing, schedules and bus stop locations; On-street and off-street parking

including related enforcement activities, particularly with regard to priority, timing and type of enforcement; and pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Art. 2 Sec. 11 TRAFFIC COMMISSION

The Traffic Commission, with concurrence of the City Council, shall have exclusive authority, except as otherwise provided to adopt, amend, alter, and repeal rule and regulations, not inconsistent with general law relative to pedestrian traffic and vehicular street traffic in the City and to the movement stopping or standing of vehicles on and their exclusion from, all or any street(s), ways, highways, roads, and parkways under the control of the City, including rules and regulations designating any way or part thereof under said control as a throughway under and subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 89, Section 9, and may prescribe penalties for the violation of any rule or regulation adopted hereunder. The Traffic Commission may solicit input from the Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments, and external entities (ex. Traffic Consultants), before adopting such changes.

ARTICLE 3 TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS, MARKINGS & ZONES

Art. 3 Sec. 1 AUTHORITY TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

The Department of Public Works 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 it may deem necessary to regulate traffic under the traffic regulations of this City or under state law or to guide or warn traffic.

Art. 3 Sec. 2 NECESSITY FOR SIGNS

Article 5, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, and 14, relating to Parking, and Article 7, Sections 11 (U-Turns Prohibited), 12 (Speed Regulations) and 14 (Heavy Commercial Vehicles) on certain streets shall each be effective as to any block only during such time as a sufficient number of official signs are erected and maintained therein, located so as to be easily visible to approaching drivers, and directing them in substance to comply with the requirements of the applicable sections.

Sections relating to One-Way streets shall be effective as to any street or part of a street only during such time as a sufficient number of official signs are erected and maintained at each of the exits from such street or part of a street, so that at least one sign will be clearly visible for a distance of at least 75 feet to drivers approaching such an exit.

Art. 3 Sec. 3 DISPLAY OF UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS, SIGNALS OR MARKINGS

No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any way an unauthorized sign, signal, or 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.

No person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising.

Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the Department of Public Works is hereby empowered to remove every such prohibited sign, signal, marking or device or cause it to be removed without notice.

Art. 3 Sec. 4 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 shall be punished as provided in Article I, Section 11.

Art. 3 Sec. 5 BUS STOPS

The location of all bus stops shall be specified by the Traffic Commission.

Art. 3 Sec. 6 OBEDIENCE TO OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (See Schedule 10)

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.

Art. 3 Sec. 7 STANDING OR PARKING CLOSE TO CURB OR EDGE OR ROADWAY

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.

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.

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.

Art. 3 Sec. 8 DIRECTION OF PARKING

Persons shall park in the direction of the flow of traffic pertaining to that side of the street on which the vehicle is parked.

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.

Vehicles parked contrary to the direction specified in this section shall be considered parked in the wrong direction.

Art. 3 Sec. 9 SIGNS OR MARKINGS INDICATING ANGLE PARKING

The Traffic Commission shall determine upon what streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark and sign such streets.

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.

Art. 3 Sec. 10 OBEDIENCE TO ANGLE-PARKING SIGNS AND STALL MARKINGS

On those streets which have been signed or marked 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.

Where parking stalls have been marked upon the roadway whether on City streets, persons shall park so that all four wheels of the vehicle shall be placed wholly within marked lines.

Violation of this section of the regulations shall be considered "Not Parking Within Designated Space."

ARTICLE 4 OFFENSES

Art. 4 Sec. 1 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.

Art. 4 Sec. 2 USING VEHICLE FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES

No person shall operate or park a vehicle on any street or highway, for the sole purpose of advertising, whether by display of signs or by sound, unless licensed to do so by the City Council. The fee for such license shall be determined by the approving authority for each year or part of year during which such vehicle is so operated or parked.

Art. 4 Sec. 3 RESTRICTION OF WORK DURING CERTAIN HOURS

The Department of Public Works, in consultation with the Police and Fire Departments, shall determine if any work within a given street or roadway shall be subject to work hour restrictions.

Art. 4 Sec. 4 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 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.

Art. 4. Sec. 5 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.

Art. 4 Sec. 6 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 provisions of laws and regulations which by their nature can have no application.

Art. 4 Sec. 7 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES FOR BICYCLISTS

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.

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.

Art. 4 Sec. 8 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR BICYCLISTS

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 15 miles per hour to a smooth safe stop within 30 feet on a dry, clean, hard, level surface.

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 feet to the front. To the rear, either a red lamp or a red reflector visible for not less than 600 feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

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.

Art. 4 Sec. 9 RIDING ON BICYCLES

For Law of the Commonwealth, see Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 85, Sections 11B and 11B1/2.

Art. 4 Sec. 10 RIDING BICYCLES ON ROADWAYS

The bicycle operator may ride no more than two abreast and on a road with more than one lane in the same direction of travel, and must stay within a single lane. The bicycle operator may keep to the right when passing a motor vehicle 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.

The bicycle operator shall signal by either hand their intention to stop or turn. The bicycle operator shall not permit their bicycle to be drawn by any other moving vehicle.

The Public Works Department shall determine upon which streets to designate a bike lane and shall mark such streets as described herein and made part hereof.

The Public Works Department 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 Public Works Department shall determine upon which shared streets, a bicycle operator may ride in the opposite direction as a 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.

Art. 4 Sec. 11 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.

Art. 4 Sec. 12 SIDEWALK CYCLING

No person shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk in violation of the following:

- (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 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.

Art. 4 Sec. 13 BICYCLE PARKING

- (a) Bicycles are permitted to park against a building, street sign pole, 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 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 and parking meters.
- (d) Bicycles shall not be parked longer than 24 consecutive hours at the same location in any business district.
- (e) Bicycles in violation of these regulations shall be tagged and removed immediately if presenting a public safety hazard as noted in section (b) and given a 24-hour notice to remove for violations in sections (c) and (d). Removed bicycles shall be held by the Public Works Department 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. E-Bikes are not considered a motorized vehicle and therefore can be parked as a bicycle parking facility. Violators are subject to immediate removal from the Public Works Department or Police Department.

Art. 4 Sec. 14 OBSTACLES AT INTERSECTIONS

No person shall construct or place any sign or other advertising device or obstacle upon the sidewalk of a height exceeding 4 feet above the roadway within 20 feet of an intersection. 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.

Art. 4 Sec. 15 SNOW OR ICE

No person shall throw or put snow or ice in the area of the roadway normally used by moving traffic. 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.

Art. 4 Sec. 16 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 there from, at the expense of the owner or other person making such deposit.

Art. 4 Sec. 17 PLACING OF STRUCTURES IN STREETS PROHIBITED

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 appropriate authority. This includes items such as dumpsters, vehicle space savers, sporting equipment (ex. basketball nets).

Art. 4 Sec. 18 KEEP TO THE RIGHT OF ROADWAY DIVISION

Upon such roadways as are divided by a parkway, grass plot, reservation, viaduct, subway or by any structure or area, drivers shall keep to the right of such a division except when otherwise directed by an officer, signs, signals, or markings.

ARTICLE 5 STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING

Art. 5 Sec. 1 WHERE PROHIBITED – GENERALLY

No person shall allow, permit, or suffer, any vehicle registered in his/her name or lease, contracted or rented in his/her name to stop, stand, or park in any street, way, highway, road, alley or parkway under the control of the City of Framingham at any time or in any place or location or in any manner in violation of any of these Rules and Orders of the City of Framingham.

No driver shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle at any time or in any place or location or in any manner in violations of these regulations, and in particular but not exclusively in any of the following places except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or pedestrians or in compliance with the lawful direction of a police officer, a firefighter in the course of public duties or official traffic sign, signal marking or device:

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.

Stop a Vehicle:

- (1) Within an intersection;
- (2) On a sidewalk;
- (3) On a crosswalk;
- (4) Upon the roadway in a rural or sparsely settled city district;
- (5) Upon a roadway where parking is permitted unless both wheels on the right side of the vehicle are within 12 inches of the curb or edge of the roadway, except where angled parking is permitted or commercial vehicle, as defined, are permitted to back to the curb or the edge of the roadway and except upon those streets, which are designated one-way streets. On such one-way streets vehicle may be parked facing in the direction in which said vehicle is moving and both left wheels within 12 inches of the left curb or edge of roadway.
- (6) 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;
- (7) Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, the distance to be measured from the point of the edge of the curb of said street or way nearest said fire hydrant
- (8) In front of any private road or driveway without consent of the owner thereof.
- (9) 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;

- (10) No parking upon any public way for a period of time exceeding 24 consecutive hours whether or not such vehicle is disabled.
- (11) On a safety zone or channelizing island;
- (12) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
- (13) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
- (14) Upon any bridge or other elevated structures, or within a highway tunnel, provided at least one (1) sign is erected notifying of such regulation and restriction;
- (15) Within Twenty-Five (25) feet of the nearest rail of an ungated railroad crossing or within Fifteen (15) feet of a railroad crossing gate;
- (16) Adjacent to a safety zone, median island, traffic island or channelizing island unless the vehicle is entirely within a parking meter space or in a space otherwise provided
- (17) Stand or park a vehicle whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers;
- (18) in front of a public or private driveway, private road, private way or alley;
- (19) Within 20 feet of an intersection;
- (20) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk on the side from which traffic approaches;
- (21) 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;
- (22) In such position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property;
- (23) 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.
- (24) Within Seven (7) feet from either side of a residential driveway, to be measured from the edge of the driveway back alongside of the sidewalk area so as to allow departing vehicles clear visibility of oncoming and approaching traffic in order to safely exit the driveway;
- (25) Upon any roadway in such a manner to obstruct the safe operation of school or public buses;
- (26) At any place where at least one (1) traffic sign has been placed or erected prohibiting stopping, standing, or parking;
- (27) In any public Taxi stand, which has been officially established by the City of Framingham, and at least one (1) official sign has been placed or erected;
- (28) Within the turnaround at the end of any dead-end street, provided at least one (1) official sign is erected;
- (29) Upon the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street, road or way in such a manner as to constitute double line or multiple line parking;
- (30) At any place where at least one (1) official sign has been placed or erected indicating "Residential Permit Parking Only", unless the vehicle properly displays a valid resident parking sticker and is parking in the designated area indicated on the sticker, or is a commercial vehicle, as defined, for not more than Three (3) hours while conducting actual business;
- (31) Upon any street, highway, or road where the vehicle possesses an unauthorized, expired, and/or revoked City of Framingham Resident Parking Permit/Sticker;
- (32) In any street or part thereof, where at least One (1) official sign is erected reserving the space for HP (Handicap) or DV (Disabled Veteran) plate vehicle, except veteran/handicap placard vehicles, as defined;

- (33) In front of any curb ramp designated for use by disabled persons;
- (34) Upon any street, way, highway or road, unless the vehicle displays a valid registration plate as required by Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws;
- (35) Upon any street, way, highway or road, unless the vehicle displays a valid certificate of inspection as required by Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws;
- (36) In a bike lane except: (i) when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or pedestrians; (ii) in compliance with the lawful direction of a police officer or official traffic sign; or (iii) unless authorized to do so under existing regulations including but not limited to designated residential parking lanes or parking meters.

Art. 5 Sec. 2 CITY-WIDE ODD/EVEN PARKING

Generally parking in an odd numbered calendar year shall be permitted on the odd number side of the street and prohibited on the even numbered side of the street. Similarly, in an even numbered calendar year, parking shall generally be permitted on the even numbered side of the street and prohibited on the odd numbered side of the street. The following exceptions apply:

- (a) If parking is otherwise prohibited on one side of the street but not the other, the odd/even rule does not apply and parking is permitted on the one side of the street regardless of the year.
- (b) The odd/even rule does not apply in the following locations with marked parking spaces on both sides of the street including:
 - a. Union Avenue (from Concord St. to Beech St.)
 - b. Concord Street (from Railroad to Clinton St.)
 - c. Hollis Street (from Irving St. to Gordon St.)
 - d. Waverly Street (from 200' W of Waverly Ct to 600' W of Hollis St.)
 - e. Waverly Street (from 325' W of Coolidge St. to Second St.)
 - f. Howard Street (from Concord St. to 300' E of Concord St.)

Specific parking prohibitions, including but not limited to weather emergencies and street sweeping, supersede the city-wide odd/even provisions.

Art. 5 Sec. 3 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.

Art. 5 Sec. 4 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 Schedule 1 incorporated herein.
- (b) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at any time in any parking space as described herein 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 place or placard authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, Section 2, or for any vehicle bearing the official identification of a persons with disabilities issued by any other city, county, state or country.

- (c) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at anytime in any parking spaces, as described herein, designated for “Reserved Parking Only”.

Art. 5 Sec. 5 NEAR SAFETY ZONE ISLANDS

Parking is prohibited within 20 feet of either end of a Safety Zone Island which is located within 30 feet of the curb or edge of the roadway.

Art. 5 Sec. 6 SERVICE ZONES / LOADING ZONE (See Schedule 5)

Parking is prohibited upon any street in any service zone or loading zone for a period of time longer than 15 minutes, except while actually engaged in loading or unloading, and then for not more than 30 minutes. All non-commercial plate vehicles are restricted from parking in any service zone or loading zone space which bears the Commercial Vehicle Only signage.

Art. 5 Sec. 7 PARKING LOCATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS (See Schedule 1)

Parking is restricted, prohibited or limited as to time, space and streets in accordance with a schedule designated as Schedule 1 hereto appended, to which reference is made, and which Schedule 1 is specifically incorporated in this section. No driver shall park a vehicle in the designated prohibited locations or in the restricted locations for a period longer than is designated in Schedule 1, except as otherwise provided in Schedule 1.

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a Police official or 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: Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; when properly sign posted; Within 15 feet of the center of any public or private driveway, private way, or alley, when properly sign posted by order of the Traffic Commission.

Art. 5 Sec. 8 DIAGONAL PARKING

The Traffic Commission shall determine the streets upon which diagonal parking will be permitted and shall cause said streets to be designated by signs and the surfaces thereof to be marked by the Traffic Commission. Diagonal parking shall be permitted only at those locations shown in Schedule 1 hereto appended, to which reference is made, and which Schedule 1, relative to diagonal parking, is herewith specifically incorporated in this section. Where such diagonal parking is permitted, vehicles shall be parked with one wheel within 12 inches of the curb and at an angle to the curb indicated by official marks and signs. The vehicle shall be parked so that all four wheels thereof shall be placed wholly within the area indicated for parking, and headed to the curb.

Art. 5 Sec. 9 BUS STOPS

No person shall stop/stand or park a vehicle other than a bus in a bus stop. No person shall stop/stand or park a bus upon any street within a business district at any place other than a bus stop, when a nearby bus stop is available for use.

**Art. 5 Sec. 10 RESTRICTED USE OF BUS AND TAXICAB STANDS
(See Schedule 7)**

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 designed and appropriately signs, 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.

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.

Art. 5 Sec. 11 DISPLAY FOR SALE

No person shall park upon any street, highway or off-street parking area controlled by the City, any vehicle displayed for sale.

Art. 5 Sec. 12 PARKING WITHOUT LIGHTS PERMITTED

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 7, parking of a motor vehicle at night without lights is hereby permitted when and where not otherwise prohibited by Chapter 93 and these Rules and Regulations.

Art. 5 Sec. 13 REPAIRING OF VEHICLES

No person shall repair, wash or clean vehicles or other conveyances or cause them to be repaired, washed or cleaned in or upon any public way of the City or any off-street parking area controlled by the City, nor shall any person occupy any part of any public way of the City or off-street parking area controlled by the City as storage room for any vehicle; except, in an emergency, temporary repairs may be made.

Art. 5 Sec. 14 PARKING ON PRIVATE WAYS

All parking restrictions, prohibitions and parking time limits listed in Schedule 1 attached, regarding private ways, have been ordered in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21, Paragraph 14, as most recently amended on April 17, 1961, "for prohibiting or regulating the leaving of vehicles unattended within the limits of private ways furnishing means of access for fire apparatus to any building."

Art. 5 Sec. 15 WEATHER EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Whenever impending weather conditions indicate a hazard or impairment of transportation, the movement of food and fuel supplies, fire, police, and medical services or other vital services of the City, the Mayor, on the advice and counsel of the Director of Public Works, the Police Chief, and the Fire Chief, shall declare a weather emergency.

Parking during weather emergencies is prohibited on streets identified in Schedule 1. In addition to streets identified in Schedule 1, any vehicle on any street that is impeding snow removal is subject to being ticketed and towed.

Art. 5 Sec. 16 STANDING PROHIBITED (See Schedule 1)

Standing is prohibited in accordance with a schedule designated as Schedule 1 hereto appended, to which reference is made, and which Schedule 1 is specifically incorporated in this section. No driver shall stand a vehicle in the locations designated in Schedule 1, except as otherwise provided in Schedule 1.

Art. 5 Sec. 17 STOPPING PROHIBITED (See Schedule 1)

Stopping is prohibited in accordance with a schedule designated as Schedule 1 hereto appended, to which reference is made, and which Schedule 1 is specifically incorporated in this section. No driver shall stop a vehicle in the locations designated in Schedule 1, except as otherwise provided in Schedule 1.

Art. 5 Sec. 18 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING PROHIBITED

No driver shall park or stand any commercial vehicle or trailer (ex. construction, landscape, car carriers) or semi-trailer (i.e., vehicles displaying a government issued commercial license plate) between the hours of Eleven PM (11:00 PM) of one day and Six AM (6:00 AM) of the following day Monday through Saturday or any time on Sunday.

This prohibition shall NOT apply during overnight or Sunday hours in the actual service or performance of work (Plumbing, Heating, Gas and Electric Utility), work being performed by City vehicle(s) engaged in emergency work (Public Works) or in the case of a public emergency where emergency is active (Police, Fire, Ambulance).

Art. 5 Sec. 19 ACCESSIBLE PARKING (See Schedule 6)

Refer to City Ordinance Article V Section 9.

Art. 5 Sec. 20 PARKING IN FIRE LANES (See Schedule 4)

No person shall stand, park, or wait with any vehicle on a public way, private way or any property serving business establishments, shopping malls, theaters, auditoriums, sporting or recreational facilities, cultural centers, office buildings, commercial property, residential dwellings or any place or area where the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees, that has been designated as a Fire Lane and approved by the Traffic Commission. Such areas shall be properly marked with distinguishing markings and signs that appropriately identify such Fire Lane, as designated by the Fire Department. (See Schedule 4)

**Art. 5 Sec. 21 UNATTACHED TRAILER, DUMPSTER, CONTAINER PARKING
(See Schedule 9)**

Any business or construction company may make application for a permit, to place a construction trailer, dumpster or container within the bounds of a City owned parking lot or garage, to the Department of Public Works, under the Street Obstruction Ordinance.

- (a) Director of Public Works or his/her designee issues a permit for Unattached Trailer, Dumpster or Container on a Public Way.

Art. 5 Sec. 22 UNLAWFUL MOVING OF VEHICLES

No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his/her control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such a distance as is unlawful, except as provided in Article 9, Section 5 of these Rules and Regulations.

Art. 5 Sec. 23 PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES PROHIBITED

No person shall park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of: washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

- (a) 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. Vehicles stored in violation of this regulation are subject to fine and tow.
- (b) 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.

Art. 5 Sec. 24 NO STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING NEAR HAZARDOUS OR CONGESTED PLACES

The Traffic Commission 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. When official signs are erected at hazardous or congested places no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any such designated place.

Art. 5 Sec. 25 REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PUBLIC WAY DUE TO HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

Chief of Police 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.

Art. 5 Sec. 26 STANDING IN CURB LOADING ZONE (see Schedule 5)

- (a) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time except as provided in (b) below, other than for expeditious unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of materials in any place marked as a curbside loading zone. Vehicles must display a commercial license plate and be actively loading or unloading. In no case shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials exceed 30 minutes.
- (b) The driver of a passenger license plate vehicle may stop temporarily at a place marked as a curbside loading zone for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers or materials when such stopping does not interfere with any commercial motor vehicle used for the transportation of materials which is waiting to enter or about to enter such zone. In no case shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials and passengers exceed 15 minutes.

Art. 5 Sec. 27 STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING OF BUSES AND TAXICABS REGULATED

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.

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, except in case of an emergency, or except in case the bus stop or bus stand is obstructed.

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 12 inches from the curb and the bus approximately parallel to the curb so as not to unduly impede the movement of other vehicular traffic.

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. 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.

Art. 5 Sec. 28 PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN DAYS FOR STREET CLEANING

In any street or part thereof where signs have been erected by order of the Director of Public Works Department 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.

Art. 5 Sec. 29 PARKING PROHIBITED ON CITY GROUNDS

No person shall stand or park or allow, permit or suffer any vehicle in his/her name to stand or park upon any land owned or controlled by the City, which shall include any department thereof and the School Committee, after having been forbidden to do so by the person who has lawful control of said premises on behalf of the City, either directly or by notice posted thereon.

ARTICLE 6 ONE-WAY, TURN RESTRICTIONS, STOP AND YIELD REGULATIONS

Art. 6 Sec. 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 Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 14.

Art. 6 Sec. 2 AUTHORITY TO PLACE AND OBEDIENCE TO TURNING MARKERS

The Department of Public Works 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.

The Department of Public Works 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.

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.

Art. 6 Sec. 3 AUTHORITY TO PLACE RESTRICTED TURN SIGNS

The Traffic Commission shall 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 Schedules 17 and 18.

Art. 6 Sec. 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.

Art. 6 Sec. 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.

**Art. 6 Sec. 6 AUTHORITY TO SIGN ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS
(See Schedule 13)**

Whenever any regulations of this City designate any one-way street or alley the Department of Public Works 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 75 feet to drivers approaching the exit.

Art. 6 Sec. 7 DO NOT ENTER STREETS

At the intersections described in Schedule 13 incorporated herein, 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.

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.

Where contra flow 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.

Art. 6 Sec. 8 TURNS ONLY AS DESIGNATED (See Schedule 17)

No driver of a motor vehicle shall disobey signs that have been authorized and erected according to this section which prohibit or require right or left turns in the location and manner indicated in Schedule 17 hereto appended, to which reference is made, and which Schedule 17 is specifically incorporated herein.

Art. 6 Sec. 9 ROTARY TRAFFIC

Within the areas set forth below vehicular traffic shall move only in a rotary counter clockwise direction except when otherwise directed by an officer.

Main Street at Union Avenue

Art. 6 Sec. 10 STOP SIGNS (See Schedule 11)

Every driver of a vehicle or other conveyance, approaching an intersection of ways where there exists facing them an official sign, bearing the word “STOP” or a flashing red signal indication, said sign or signal having been placed under order of the Traffic

Commission, and such approval being in effect, shall, before proceeding through the intersection, bring such vehicle or other conveyance to a complete stop at such point as may be clearly marked by a sign or line, or if a point is not so marked, than at a place between the said "STOP" sign and the nearest line of the street or crosswalk of the said intersection. In the case of a line of two or more vehicles approaching such "STOP" sign or flashing red signal indication, the drivers of the second and third vehicles in any group must each stop at the stop line, or, if none, at the near side of the intersection. This section shall not apply when traffic is otherwise directed by an officer or by a lawful traffic regulating sign, signal or device, or as provided in Section 21 of Article VII of these Rules and Regulations.

Art. 6 Sec. 11 YIELD SIGNS (See Schedule 12)

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 89, Section 9, the streets listed in Schedule 12 are designated as Yield Streets at the intersections and in the direction indicated.

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 these regulations.

ARTICLE 7 OPERATION OF VEHICLES

Art. 7 Sec. 1 OVERTAKING AND PASSING

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

Art. 7 Sec. 2 FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY

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

Art. 7 Sec. 3 OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC; ENTERING INTERSECTIONS OR CROSSWALKS

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.

No driver shall enter an intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is a 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 precede, except that on a one-way street drivers shall not be restricted to the use of the right half of the roadway.

Art. 7 Sec. 4 DISTANCE BETWEEN SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES

Upon roadways less than 27 feet wide, upon which vehicular traffic is permitted to operate in both directions, the driver of any slow-moving vehicle when traveling outside of a business or residential district shall not follow another slow-moving vehicle within 200 feet, except when overtaking and passing another slow-moving vehicle. This section shall not apply to funerals or other lawful processions.

Art. 7 Sec. 5 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS (See Schedule 10)

Colors and arrow indications in traffic control signals shall give the commands and have the meanings ascribed to them in this section and shall have no other meanings and every driver of a vehicle or other conveyance shall comply therewith, except when otherwise directed by an officer or by a lawful traffic regulating sign, signal or device, other than a stop sign, except as provided in Section 19; provided, however, that in no case shall an driver enter or proceed through an intersection, without due regard to the safety of other persons within the intersection, regardless of what indications may be given by traffic control signals.

CIRCULAR GREEN: Drivers facing a CIRCULAR GREEN may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. But drivers 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.

GREEN ARROWS: Drivers facing a GREEN ARROW, shown alone or in combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such other movements 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.

CIRCULAR YELLOW OR YELLOW ARROW: Drivers facing a steady CIRCULAR YELLOW OR YELLOW ARROW signal are thereby warned that the related green movement is being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when drivers shall not enter the intersection.

CIRCULAR RED: (See Schedule 20) Drivers facing a steady CIRCULAR RED signal and NO TURN ON RED SIGN shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, or if none, before entering the crosswalk, on the near side of the intersection or if none then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown except as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 89, Section 8. When no sign is in place prohibiting a right turn, or a left turn from a one way street to another one-way street, drivers facing a steady circular red signal may cautiously enter the intersection to make the right turn, or left turn from a one way street to another one way street, after stopping as provided above. Such drivers shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection. No driver of a vehicle facing circular red signal indication shall make a right turn where official traffic signs are installed and maintained prohibiting such turn at the intersections listed in Schedule 20, hereto appended. Schedule 20 is hereby specifically incorporated in this section.

RED ARROW: Drivers facing a steady RED ARROW indication may not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by such arrow and unless entering the intersection to make such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same time, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until an indication to make the movement indicated by such arrow is shown.

FLASHING RED (stop signal): When a red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, driver of vehicle shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 89, Section 8.

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.

Art. 7 Sec. 6 KEEPING TO THE RIGHT OF ROADWAY DIVISION

Upon such roadways as are divided by a parkway, grass plot, reservation, viaduct, subway or by any structure or area, drivers shall keep to the right of such a division, except when otherwise directed by an officer, signs, signals, or markings.

Art. 7 Sec. 7 UNDERPASSES OR OVERPASSES; INTERSECTION WITH ISLANDS

At any junction or crossing of ways where the roadway grades have been separated and where the ways are connected by ramps and at any intersection of ways in which there are traffic islands, drivers of vehicles shall proceed only as indicated by official signs, signals, or markings.

Art. 7 Sec. 8 DRIVING ON ROAD SURFACES UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR

No driver shall enter upon the road surface of any street 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 is not to be used or when so advised by an officer, watchman, member of a street crew or employee of the City, either audibly or by signals.

Art. 7 Sec. 9 DRIVING THROUGH SAFETY ZONES

It shall be unlawful for the driver of a vehicle, except on signal from a Police officer to drive the same over or through a safety zone.

Art. 7 Sec. 10 "U" TURNS PROHIBITED (See Schedule 18)

No driver shall back or turn a vehicle so as to proceed in the direction opposite to that in which said vehicle is headed or traveling on the street or streets, listed on Schedule 18.

Art. 7 Sec. 11 SPEED REGULATIONS (See Schedule 16)

The state traffic laws regulating the speed of vehicles 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 16 incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at Traffic Engineering, when signs are in place giving notice thereof.

Art. 7 Sec 12 SCHOOL ZONES (Schedule 15)

The operator of any vehicle traveling on a roadway defined as a School Zone, shall comply with the speed indicated. Signs shall be located in strict accordance with Official Standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Automatic Operation shall be Monday through Friday during the normal school year and at the hours indicated in Schedule 15.

**Art. 7 Sec. 13 HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON CERTAIN STREETS
(See Schedule 14)**

Except in an emergency, when signs are erected giving notice thereof no person shall operate a commercial vehicle at any time, of a capacity of 5,000 pounds or over, except a school bus, upon any of the ways and parts of ways in Schedule 14 of these Rules and Regulations to which reference is made and which Schedule 14 is specifically incorporated in this section, except for one of the following purposes:

- a. Making deliveries of goods, materials or merchandise to or similar collections from abutting land or building.
- b. Adjoining streets or ways to which access cannot otherwise be gained
- c. Vehicles used in connection with the construction, maintenance and repair of streets or public utilities.
- d. Federal, State, Municipal or public service corporation owned vehicles.

Art. 7 Sec. 14 PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND TRAILERS

It shall be unlawful for any commercial vehicle or trailer or semi-trailer (i.e. vehicles displaying a government issued commercial license plate) to be parked on any street, way, highway, road, parkway or private way dedicated or open to the use of the public between the hours of Eleven PM (11:00 PM) of one day and Six AM (6:00 AM) of the following day Monday through Saturday or any time on Sunday. This regulation shall not apply in the following instances:

- (a) a commercial vehicle or trailer parked temporarily during the actual loading or unloading of materials;
- (b) a commercial vehicle or trailer acting in an emergency or
- (c) a commercial vehicle or trailer parked within 500 feet of the work site of the driver of such vehicle or trailer. Note: This exemption shall not apply where the driver or owner of the vehicle is resident.

Art. 7 Sec. 15 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.

Art. 7 Sec. 16 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.

Art. 7 Sec. 17 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 a permit has been approved by the Chief of Police for such parade, procession or formation. Said permit shall designate the time, place and manner of such parade, procession or formation shall be filed sufficiently in advance to allow for any planning for the event.

Art. 7 Sec. 18 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF OPERATORS IN FUNERAL AND OTHER PROCESSIONS

It shall be the duty of each driver in a funeral or other procession to keep as near to the right edge of the roadway as is feasible and to follow the vehicle ahead as closely as practicable and safe.

At an intersection when a traffic control signal is operating, the driver of the first vehicle in a funeral or other procession shall be the only one required to stop for a red or yellow indication.

At an intersection where a lawful stop or yield sign exists, the driver of the first vehicle in a funeral or other procession shall be the only one required to stop before proceeding through the intersection.

Art. 7 Sec. 19 DISTURBANCE OF FUNERALS

Whomever willfully interrupts or by fast driving or otherwise in any way disturbs a funeral assembly or procession shall be punished by a fine as specified in Schedule 9.

Art. 7 Sec. 20 BACKING AROUND CORNERS AND INTO INTERSECTIONS

The driver of any vehicle, except an emergency 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 or unless otherwise directed by an officer.

Art. 7 Sec. 21 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 unduly with the normal movement of traffic, said driver shall wait for a more favorable opportunity to make such movement. If the driver of another vehicle should be affected by a stopping or turning movement, the driver of such other vehicle shall be given a plainly visible signal as required by statute law.

Art. 7 Sec. 22 SOUNDING HORN WHEN NECESSARY

The driver of a vehicle shall give an audible warning with his/her horn or other suitable warning device whenever necessary to ensure safe operation. No horn or bell attached to a vehicle, except an emergency vehicle shall be blown or rung between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Art. 7 Sec. 23 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.

Art. 7 Sec. 24 NO DRIVING ON SIDEWALKS

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

Art. 7 Sec. 25 NO PASSING A VEHICLE STOPPED FOR A PEDESTRIAN

Whenever a vehicle is stopped to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of another vehicle approaching from the rear, shall not overtake and pass stopped vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of any other section.

Art. 7 Sec. 27 OBEDIENCE TO STOP SIGNS (SCHEDULE 11)

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 89, Section 9 the streets listed in Schedule 11 are designated as Stop streets at the intersections and in the direction indicated.

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 11 incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at Traffic Engineering.

Art. 7 Sec. 28 OBEDIENCE TO SIGNAL INDICATION APPROACH OF TRAIN

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 flagger gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a railroad train; 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; An approaching railroad train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to such crossing.
- (3) 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.

ARTICLE 8 PEDESTRIAN CONTROL REGULATIONS

Art. 8 Sec. 1 PEDESTRIAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 18A and in accordance with the Pedestrian Control Standards of MassDOT, the Traffic Commission of the City hereby enact the following regulations to govern the use of ways by pedestrians

Art. 8 Sec. 2 PEDESTRIANS CROSSING WAYS OR ROADWAYS

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

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 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 pavement markings.

Art. 8 Sec. 3 PEDESTRIAN ACTUATION

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.

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.

Art. 8 Sec. 4 PEDESTRIAN OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

Traffic control signal color indications and legends shall have the commands ascribed to them in this section and no other meanings, and every pedestrian shall comply therewith, except when otherwise directed by an officer.

- a) The word WALK or the Walking Person symbol—whenever the single word WALK or the Walking Person symbol or pedestrian countdown is illuminated, pedestrians facing such indication may proceed across the roadway and in the direction of such signal only.
- (b) The DON'T WALK or Upraised Hand Symbol—whenever the words DON'T WALK, an Upraised Hand symbol or any indication shown together are illuminated in a traffic control signal where pedestrian indications are provided, pedestrians approaching or facing such indication shall wait on the sidewalk, edge or roadway or in the pedestrian refuge area of a traffic island and shall not enter upon or cross a roadway until the proper indication is illuminated in the traffic control signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed crossing on the walk indication shall proceed or return to the nearest sidewalk or safety island when the words DON'T WALK or Upraised Hand Symbol or countdown are illuminated by rapid intermittent flashes.
- (c) Green Alone—At traffic signal locations where no pedestrian indication is given or provided, pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked crosswalk in the direction of the green indication.
- (d) Flashing DON'T WALK or Flashing Upraised Hand symbol—Pedestrians approaching or facing a flashing DON'T WALK or flashing Upraised Hand symbol illuminated indication shall not start to cross a roadway.
- (e) Green—At any traffic control signal location where a green indication is being given facing a crosswalk, pedestrians shall actuate, where provided, the pedestrian signal indication and cross the roadway only on WALK indication when such indication is in operation. If no pedestrian signal is provided, pedestrians shall cross within crosswalks with due care.

Art. 8 Sec. 5 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND USE OF ROADWAYS

No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a sidewalk or safety island and walk or run in to the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield the right of way.

Pedestrians shall at all times attempt to cross a roadway using the right half of crosswalks.

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.

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.

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.

It shall be unlawful for any persons to actuate a pedestrian control signal or to enter a marked crosswalk unless a crossing of the roadway is intended.

Art. 8 Sec. 6 CROSSING AT NON-SIGNALIZED LOCATIONS

Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk, 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.

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.

Art. 8 Sec. 7 DRIVERS TO EXERCISE DUE CARE

The provisions of these regulations shall in no way abrogate the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Sections 14 and 14A of the which provide for "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.

Art. 8 Sec. 8 DRIVERS TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY

When the traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle, which, for the purposes of this article shall include bicycles. Upon approaching a pedestrian who is upon the traveled part of any way and not upon a sidewalk, every person operating a motor vehicle shall slow down. The person operating a motor vehicle on any way or a curve or a corner in said way where his/her view is obstructed shall slow down and keep to the right and upon approaching any junction of said way with an

intersecting way shall, before entering the same, slow down and keep to the right of the center line. When turning to the right, a driver shall do so in the lane of traffic nearest to the right-hand side of the roadway and as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of roadway. No person operating a vehicle that overtakes and passes a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction shall make a right turn at an intersection or driveway unless the turn can be made at a safe distance from the bicyclist at a speed that is reasonable and proper. When approaching for a left turn on a two-way street, an driver shall do so in the lane of traffic to the right of and nearest to the center line of the roadway and the left turn shall be made by passing to the right of the center line of the entering way where it enters the intersection from his/her left. When turning to the left within an intersection or into an alley, private road or driveway an driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction, including a bicycle on the right of the other approaching vehicles, which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard. It shall not be a defense for a motorist causing an accident with a bicycle that the bicycle was to the right of vehicular traffic.

When approaching for a left turn on a one-way street, an driver shall do so in the lane of traffic nearest to the left-hand side of the roadway and as close as practicable to the left-hand curb or edge of roadway. No person shall open a door on a motor vehicle unless it is reasonably safe to do so without interfering with the movement of other traffic, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Whoever violates the preceding sentence shall be punished by a fine as specified in Schedule 9.

Art. 8 Sec. 9 PASSING AT CROSSWALKS

No driver of a vehicle shall pass any other vehicle which has been stopped at a marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross a way, nor shall any driver enter a marked crosswalk until there is sufficient space on the other side of the crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle they are operating notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

Art. 8 Sec. 10 NO PASSING VEHICLE STOPPED FOR A PEDESTRIAN

Whenever a vehicle is stopped to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of another vehicle approaching from the rear, shall not overtake and pass stopped vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of any other section.

Art. 8 Sec. 11 OFFICERS TO ENFORCE PEDESTRIAN REGULATIONS

These pedestrian control regulations shall be enforced by all officers of the City.

Art. 8 Sec. 12 EXEMPTIONS

The provisions of these Rules and Regulations governing the use of the ways by pedestrians shall not apply to pedestrians actually engaged in work upon a roadway closed to travel or under construction or repair, to municipal, state, federal or public service corporation employees while in the performance of their duties, to officers engaged in the performance of their public duties or to pedestrians acting in an emergency when such emergency necessitates departure from any part of these Rules and Regulations.

Art. 8 Sec. 13 PENALTIES

Any person who violates the provisions of this article which deals with the proper use of ways by pedestrians, shall be punished as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 18A.

Art. 8 Sec. 14 EFFECT OF REGULATIONS

All existing rules and regulations governing the operation of vehicles or the use of ways by pedestrians which are inconsistent herewith are hereby expressly repealed. This repeal shall not, however, affect any punishment or penalty imposed or any complaint or prosecution pending at the time of passage hereof for any offense committed under any of the said rules and regulations hereby repealed.

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of these Rules and Regulations is for any reason unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of these Rules and Regulations. The Traffic Commission of the City hereby declare that they would have passed these Rules and Regulations and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Art. 8 Sec. 15 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.

ARTICLE 9 TOWING OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Art. 9 Sec. 1 IN GENERAL

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 22 D of the as most recently added by Chapter 322 of the Acts of 1961, the Traffic Commission hereby enacts the following regulations authorizing the removal to a convenient place of vehicles parked or standing in such manner, or in such areas as are hereinafter described on any way under the control of the City. Vehicles specifically exempt by Chapter 322 of the Acts of 1961 shall not however, be subject to such removal. The personnel authorized to tow vehicles under this Article shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 120 D of Chapter 266.

Art. 9 Sec. 2 AUTHORIZATION OF POLICE

The moving or towing of any vehicle under the provisions of this Article shall be by and at the direction of the Chief of Police or such other officer(s) of the rank of Sergeant or higher as they may from time to time designate.

Art. 9 Sec. 3 FEES

The Traffic Commission hereby imposes upon the owner of any vehicle moved or towed to a convenient place, under the provisions of this Article, the following fees:

- a. REMOVAL OR TOWING FEE – Rates set by City of Framingham towing contract , however in no case shall the fee exceed that established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.
- b. STORAGE FEE – Rates set by City of Framingham towing contract , however in no case shall the fee exceed that established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

Art. 9 Sec. 4 LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE DURING REMOVAL OR STORAGE

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.

Art. 9 Sec. 5 GENERAL PROHIBITION TOWING ZONES

No person shall stand or park or allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his/her name to stand or park in any of the following places. Vehicles found in violation of the provisions of this section except those specifically exempt by law, shall be removed to a convenient place under the direction of an officer of the Police Department and the owner of the vehicle so removed, or towed away shall be liable to the cost of such removal and storage, if any, as set forth in Section 3 of this Article. The owner of any vehicle removed or towed away under the provisions of this section shall also be subject to the penalties provided in Article I, Section 12 of these regulations.

- a. Upon any way in such a manner as to impede the removal or plowing of snow or ice.
- b. Upon any sidewalk.
- c. Upon any crosswalk.
- d. Upon any way within 30 feet of an intersecting way except alleys.
- e. Upon any way within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.
- f. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or the curb of the way.
- g. In front of a public or private driveway.
- h. Within a crossover.
- i. Upon any way where the parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed lane at least 10 feet wide for passing traffic.
- j. Upon any way for a period of time exceeding 24 consecutive hours whether or not such vehicle is disabled and preparations are being made by owner or driver for its removal.

- k. Stopped, standing or parked in a designated tow zone.
- l. Upon any designated Emergency Artery during a declared emergency.
- m. Upon a way within 50 feet of a traffic control detector.
- n So as to interfere with street cleaning or any other public works operation.
- o. Illegally parked or standing vehicles upon any public way or public parking area, where disabled parking signs have been placed, (in accordance with Schedule 6, attached hereto).
- p Illegally parked or standing vehicles in a fire lane as established by the Fire Department, whether or not a fire is in progress.

Art. 9 Sec. 6 PARKING PROHIBITIONS, TOWING ZONES (See Schedule 3)

No person shall stand or park or allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his/her name to stand or park on any of the ways or parts of ways hereinafter described and during the periods of time set forth. Vehicles found in violation of the provisions of this section except those specifically exempted by law shall be removed to a convenient place under the direction of an officer of the Police Department and the owner of the vehicle so removed, or towed away shall be liable to the cost of such removal and storage, if any, as set forth in Section 3 of this Article. The owner of any vehicle removed or towed away under the provisions of this section shall also be subject to the penalties provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 20A.

The streets or portions thereof designated in Schedule 3 hereto appended and specifically incorporated in this section are declared to be TOW ZONES and all vehicles standing or parking on those streets or portions thereof may be removed according to this section as designated in said Schedule 3.

Art. 9 Sec. 7 TOWING OF VEHICLES DUE TO CONSTRUCTION

Upon any way under reconstruction, repair, or repairing where “No Parking Tow Zone” signs have been placed or erected during the time of such work, provided that such “Tow Zone” signs shall have been placed at least 12 hours prior to the time the vehicle is to be towed.

Art. 9 Sec. 8 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.

Art. 9 Sec. 9 TOW AWAY ZONES

The Chief of Police 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, in violation of any of the provisions set forth in these regulations; and in any place where official traffic signs prohibit the parking of vehicles provided such signs bear the legend "Tow-Away Zone" and in any place where official traffic signs prohibit the stopping or standing of vehicles provided such signs bear the legend "Tow Away Zone".

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:

- (a) REMOVAL OR TOWING FEE – Rates set by City of Framingham towing contract, however in no case shall the fee exceed that established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.
- (b) STORAGE FEE – Rates set by City of Framingham towing contract, however in no case shall the fee exceed that established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.
- (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 Police 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) Name of towing contractor, if any;
 - (5) Name and rank of officer who authorized towing

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle specifically exempt by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 22D.

ARTICLE 10

PARKING METERS

Art. 10 Sec. 1 DEFINITIONS

A. PARKING METER - The words "Parking Meter" shall mean any mechanical or electromechanical device, not inconsistent with the provisions of this regulation and placed or erected on any public way 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.

On-street parking meter locations and fees shall be determined by the Traffic Commission. The management of off-street city owned parking facilities, including off-street parking meters, shall be under the control of the Capital Projects & Facilities Management Division.

B. PARKING METER ZONE - The “Parking Meter Zone” shall mean and include any street or portion thereof upon which the City is hereby authorized to install Parking Meters. See Article 10, Section 3

C. PARKING METER SPACE - The words “Parking Meter Space” shall mean any painted space being indicated by white lines within a parking meter zone, which is duly designated for the parking of a single vehicle or a row of vehicles by lines painted on the surface of the street. Parking shall not be allowed in any cross-hatched section that is used to separate parking meter spaces.

D. VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS – Only a Taxi registered vehicle shall park or stand at an authorized designated taxi stand as described by these Rules and Regulations (See Article V, Section 9; Schedule 7). Commercial vehicles may park at a parking meter space longer than 2 hours upon receiving a Street Occupancy Permit from the Public Works Department to perform temporary work in the area.

E. BLOCK – A block is defined as being within a meter zone, one side of the street, between two intersecting streets.

Art. 10 Sec. 2 PARKING METERS (See Schedule 8)

A. The Traffic Commission is authorized to establish Parking Meter Zones during such periods as are hereinafter specified or may from time to time hereafter be fixed by the Rules and Regulations, on any street in which parking is restricted. The Traffic Commission may cause parking meters to be installed in such zones, including curb or street marking lines, and the Traffic Commission shall have charge of the regulation and operation thereof, and shall maintain such meters in good workable condition.

The fees shall be established through the authorization of the Traffic Commission for parking in parking meter zones. (See Schedule 8)

B. Whenever any vehicle shall be parked next to a parking meter or use a ticket machine, the driver of the vehicle shall park within the areas designated by the curb or street marking lines as indicated for parallel parking and upon entering the parking space, deposit in the meter the required amount. It shall be a violation for any person to fail or neglect to deposit such payment, or fail to park within the limits designated. Such parking space may then be used by such vehicle during the time limited herein, according to the sum deposited, or by accepting the unexpired time on the meter. Such vehicle shall be unlawfully parked if it shall remain in such space beyond the period of time for which the driver shall have deposited such payment in the meter. It shall be a violation for any person to cause any vehicle to be parking in violation as provided in this paragraph.

located unless a payment is 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 payment in such meter.
- (c) No person shall park a vehicle **within a block** 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 amount of payment deposited in such meter. Once the time limit for the vehicle has expired, the vehicle must be moved from that block, and must not return during the same day, unless posted otherwise that the vehicle may return after a specified length of time has passed.
- (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 Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 2.
- (g) Any vehicle parking at an electronic meter, which displays the message "Out of Order" shall be prohibited, unless otherwise posted.

Art. 10 Sec. 5 UNAUTHORIZED USE / DAMAGE

No unauthorized person shall enter, tamper with, break, damage, or destroy any parking meter, or deposit or cause to be deposited in such meter any slug device, metallic substance, or any other substance as substitutes for the coins or payment required.

Art. 10 Sec. 6 DISABLED VETERANS

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules & Regulations, no parking meter fee shall be exacted and no penalty shall be imposed for the parking of any vehicle owned and driven by a disabled veteran or by a disabled person and bearing the distinctive number plates or placard authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 2.

ARTICLE 11 TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES

Art. 11 Sec. 1 MANUAL AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

All traffic control signs, signals and devices shall conform to specifications approved by MassDOT and/or by the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. 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 Commission and not inconsistent with the provisions of state law or these Rules and Regulations shall be official traffic control devices.

Art. 11 Sec. 2 WHEN OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES REQUIRED FOR ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES

No provision of these Rules and 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.

Art. 11 Sec. 3 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 Signals 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, 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 Article 8, Section 4 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 20 incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at Traffic Engineering.

(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 20 incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at Traffic Engineering.

(4) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal, 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.

Art. 11 Sec. 4 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:

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.

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.

Steady Don’t Walk. No pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal.

Art. 11 Sec. 5 FLASHING SIGNALS

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:

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.

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.

This section shall not apply at railroad grade crossings.

Art. 11 Sec. 6 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.

Art. 11 Sec. 7 DESIGNATE CROSSWALKS AND ESTABLISH SAFETY ZONES

The Public Works Department is hereby authorized 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 a particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at such other places as he/she may deem necessary. The Traffic Commission shall review citizen-initiated requests for new crosswalks and provide a recommendation to the Public Works Department.

The Traffic Commission shall establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as they may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians.

Art. 11 Sec. 8 TRAFFIC LINES

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

ARTICLE 12 SPEED REGULATIONS

Art. 12 Sec. 1 STATE SPEED LAWS APPLICABLE

The state traffic laws regulating the speed of vehicles shall be applicable upon all streets within this City, except as these Rules and 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 Rules and Regulations described in Schedule 16 incorporated herein and made a part hereof available at Traffic Engineering, when signs are in place giving notice thereof.

ARTICLE 13 RULES OF THE ROAD

Art. 13 Sec. 1 FOLLOWING FIRE APPARATUS PROHIBITED

For Law of the Commonwealth, See Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 89, Section 7A.

Art. 13 Sec. 2 CROSSING FIRE HOSE

For Law of the Commonwealth, See Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 89, Section 7A.

Art. 13 Sec. 3 DRIVING THROUGH FUNERAL OR OTHER PROCESSIONS

For Law of the Commonwealth, See Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 272, Section 42.

Art. 13 Sec. 4 DRIVE ON RIGHT SIDE OR ROADWAY-EXCEPTIONS

For Law of the Commonwealth, See Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 89, Section 1.

Art. 13 Sec. 5 OVERTAKING A VEHICLE ON THE LEFT

For Law of the Commonwealth, See Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 89, Section 2.

Art. 13 Sec. 6 FURTHER LIMITATIONS ON DRIVING TO LEFT OF CENTER OF ROADWAY

For Law of the Commonwealth, See Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 89, Section 4.

Art. 13 Sec. 7 NO-PASSING ZONES

For Law of the Commonwealth, See Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 89, Section 4.

Art. 13 Sec. 8 OPERATION AT INTERSECTIONS WITH ISLANDS AND AT SAFETY ZONES

A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of such Island.

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.

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.

Art. 13 Sec. 9 DRIVING ON ROADWAYS LANES FOR TRAFFIC

For Law of the Commonwealth, See General Laws, Chapter 89, Sections 4A and 4B.

Art. 13 Sec. 10 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.

Art. 13 Sec. 11 VEHICLE OPERATION AT CROSSWALKS

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 in need to 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.

The provisions of these Rules and Regulations and those drafted under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 18A, shall not in any way abrogate the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 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 Rules and 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.

Art. 13 Sec. 12 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.

Art. 13 Sec. 13 PROHIBITED RIDING

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.

No person shall board a moving vehicle without the consent of the person in charge thereof.

Art. 13 Sec. 14 UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE

For Law of the Commonwealth, see Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 13.

Art. 13 Sec. 15 DROPPING OR LEAKING LOADS

For Law of the Commonwealth, See Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 85, Section 36.

ARTICLE 14 HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES

Art. 14 Sec. 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 Rules and Regulations except those provisions of these regulations which by their very nature can have no application.

Art. 14 Sec. 2 CARRIAGE LICENSE / INSURANCE

Operators of animal drawn vehicles shall be licensed by the Mass Dept of Public Safety; shall be fully insured to operate on public streets and roads; and each driver shall hold a carriage driver's operators license issued by the Commonwealth, except when such a vehicle is driven during a permitted special event.

Art. 14 Sec. 3 DRIVING HORSES HARNESSSED TO DIFFERENT VEHICLES PROHIBITED

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

Art. 14 Sec. 4 STANDING OF HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES

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.

No horse shall be left unattended for a longer period than 5 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.

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.

Art. 14 Sec. 5 CARE IN DRIVING

No person when driving a vehicle with a horse or horses attached thereto 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.

Art. 14 Sec. 6 CONDITION AND TREATMENT OF HORSES

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.

No one shall ill treat, overload, overdrive or cruelly or unnecessarily beat any horse.

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.

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.

When operating on the public way, the use of a "diaper", a simple bag-like device that catches manure as it is produced is required.

ARTICLE 15 REGULATIONS FOR SCOOTERS, INLINE SKATES, SKATEBOARDS AND ELECTRONIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE

Art. 15 Sec. 1 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

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 15 feet on a dry, clean, hard, level surface.

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 Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 85, Section 11B and 11B ½.

Art. 15 Sec. 2 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

ARTICLE 16 REGULATIONS FOR MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

Art. 16 Sec. 1 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Every person operating a motorized scooter upon any way, street, avenue, court, lane, and place under the control of the City shall wear protective headgear conforming to the standards governing bicycles helmets.

A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, avenue, court, lane, and place under the control of the City unless such motorized scooter is equipped with a breaking system to enable the operator to bring the scooter traveling at a speed of 15 miles per hour to a smooth safe stop within 30 feet on a dry, clean, hard level surface.

A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, avenue, court, lane, and place under the control of the City unless the handlebars are below shoulder height of the operator.

Art. 16 Sec. 2 OPERATING REGULATIONS

A person under the age of 16 may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, avenue, court, lane, and place under the control of the City.

A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, avenue, court, lane, and place under the control of the City at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour.

A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, avenue, court, lane, and place under the control of the City in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, safety of any person or the property of any other person.

A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, avenue, court, lane, and place under the control of the City while under the influence of alcohol as set forth in General Laws, Chapter 90, Section. 24.

A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any way, street, avenue, court, lane, and place under the control of the City in violation of any federal, state, or local traffic and parking laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations.

A person operating a motorized scooter upon any way, street, avenue, court, lane, and place under the control of the City may not permit any person to ride as a passenger on such scooter.

A person operating a motorized scooter upon any way, street, avenue, court, lane, and place under the control of the City may not pass or overtake another motorized scooter traveling in the same direction.

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.

Art. 16 Sec. 3 RIDING BANNED IN CERTAIN AREAS

A person may not operate a motorized scooter upon any sidewalk, except as may be necessary to enter or leave adjacent property.

A person may not operate a motorized scooter on an off-street recreational bicycle path, park, playground or other City owned recreational facilities.

ARTICLE 17 EFFECT OF AND SHORT TITLE OF REGULATIONS

Art. 17 Sec. 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 Rules and Regulations.

Art. 17 Sec. 2 SHORT TITLE

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

ARTICLE 18 TAXICAB RULES AND REGULATIONS

Refer to Policy for the Regulation of Taxicabs/Livery Vehicles and the Operation Thereof.

ARTICLE 19 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 19 Sec.1 REPEAL OF RULES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED

All rules previously adopted by the City of Framingham and the Traffic Commission for the purpose of governing or restricting traffic are hereby repealed and all other rules or regulations or parts thereof in conflict with or inconsistent with any provisions of these Rules and Regulations are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 20 ADOPTION OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Art. 20 Sec. 1 PURPOSE

These Regulations are adopted to promote safe vehicular traffic, to preserve peace and good order, to protect the character of residential neighborhoods, to promote the quality of life of the community within the City of Framingham and hence the value of the property located therein, and to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Framingham.

APPENDIX A

FRAMINGHAM CITY CHARTER

Approved by voters – April 4, 2017

Article V, Section 6:

6. TRAFFIC COMMISSION

- a) Establishment, Scope: There shall be a traffic commission which shall consist of the police chief, the fire chief, the director of public works, the superintendent of schools, or their designees, and four residents: one from the business community, one from the downtown area (defined as the area within a one-mile radius of the intersection of Routes 126 and 135), and two residents at-large. All resident members shall be appointed by the mayor. Such appointed members shall serve for three (3) year terms.

Upon its organization, the members shall appoint a chair and vice-chair from the commission membership to serve for a one (1) year term; municipal officers on the commission may be elected, and may serve successive terms as the commission membership shall determine by majority vote. The commission shall determine the schedule and frequency of its meetings, but shall meet no less often than quarterly. The commission shall adhere to the provisions as appearing in Article IX, section 7. Special meetings may be called by the chair as the chair deems necessary. The officer or employee appointed as parking clerk in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth shall serve as clerk to the traffic commission.

- b) Powers and Duties: The traffic commission shall have exclusive authority, except as otherwise provided by this charter, to adopt, amend, alter, and repeal rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the general laws, relative to vehicular traffic in the municipality, and to the movement, stopping or standing of vehicles on, and their exclusion from, all or any streets, ways, highways, roads and parkways under the control of the municipality, including rules and regulations, designating any way or part thereof under said control as a through way under and subject to the provisions of General Laws chapter 89, section 9, designation of “traffic safety zones”, so called, approving curb cuts, and may prescribe penalties for violation of any rule or regulation adopted hereunder. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the commission to adopt any rule or regulation to modify or limit any power or authority of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority from anyway or part thereof in which it has a route, the state department of transportation or the state department of telecommunications and energy, or their successor agencies, or any power vested in the mayor, council or heads of departments relating to the issuance of licenses or permits for the opening, using or occupying of streets and sidewalks.

All rules and regulations promulgated by authorized vote of the traffic and parking commission, except temporary or emergency rules and regulations promulgated for less than thirty (30) days, shall become effective on the 30th day following the day on which notice of proposed rule or regulation is filed with the council, unless the council shall within such period by majority of the full council vote to reject such rule or regulation or has sooner voted to affirm it. Upon passage of any rule or regulation by the traffic and

parking commission, said rule or regulation shall be published in at least one local newspaper, and shall be posted on the municipal bulletin board.

Ten (10) residents of the municipality, who are eighteen years of age or older, may petition the traffic commission relating to any rule or regulation adopted or proposed to be adopted, provided the rule or regulation has not been in effect for a period longer than ninety (90) days. The traffic commission shall hold a public hearing thereon within thirty (30) days after the filing with the traffic commission of such petition.

If a public hearing shall be held on any proposed rule or regulation, the proposed rule or regulation shall not be adopted until the public hearing has been concluded. After the public hearing has been held, any vote on the subject matter must be passed by a majority of the full membership on the traffic and parking commission.

All rules and regulations adopted after any public hearing shall be published in a least one local newspaper and shall be posted on the municipal bulletin board.

All existing ordinances and regulations, in effect at the time this charter is adopted relating to the control of vehicular traffic and parking shall remain in full force and effect until superseded by rules and regulations adopted by the traffic commission.

APPENDIX B

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

FEDERAL

Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, 2009 Edition, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

STATE

The Massachusetts Amendments to the 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Standard Municipal Traffic Code, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, January 2012

Procedures for Speed Zoning on State Highways and Municipal Roads, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Revised February 2017

LOCAL

City Ordinances

Article V Health and Safety, Section 6. Fire Lanes

Article V Health and Safety, Section 9. Accessible Parking

Article V Health and Safety, Section 15. Snow Removal

Article V Health and Safety, Section 19. Use of Ways by Pedestrians

Article VI: Roads, Highways, Bridges, Rubbish Disposal, Water and Sewer, Section 1. City-Owned Bridges

Article VI: Roads, Highways, Bridges, Rubbish Disposal, Water and Sewer, Section 2. Parking Regulations

Article VI: Roads, Highways, Bridges, Rubbish Disposal, Water and Sewer, Section 7. Obstruction of Public Ways

Article VI: Roads, Highways, Bridges, Rubbish Disposal, Water and Sewer, Section 8. Public Way Access Permits

Article X: Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 1. Penalties for Ordinance Violations

City Policies

3.3 Policy for the regulation of Taxicabs/Livery Vehicles and the Operation Thereof in the City of Framingham

3.6 Policy on Traffic Signal Permitting Process

3.8 Policy on Weather Emergency Parking Restrictions on Arterial Roadways

3.9 Policy on Winter Parking Restrictions

3.10 Policy on Street Opening Permits

3.12 Policy of Traffic Calming Measures

Other Framingham Provisions

Complete Streets Policy

Police Department Policy #300-4 Traffic Management and Enforcement

Department of Public Works Crosswalk Policy and Design Guidelines

Note: The most recent version of each document shall apply.

APPENDIX: C

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 displaying 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 disabled parking spaces on public property).

Chapter 85, 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 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.) (TC 9/21)

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 www.state.ma.us/legis/laws/mgl.

APPENDIX: D

TRAFFIC COMMISSION POLICIES & RULES

Traffic Commission from time to time will establish policies and guidelines to be followed. These policies shall be:

Rule 1: Schedule of Meetings

Per the city charter, the Traffic Commission shall meet at least quarterly. However, regular meetings of the Traffic Commission will typically be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Rule 2: Calling a Special Meeting

The Chair or any two members of the Traffic Commission may at any time, call a special meeting by causing written notice, (email acceptable) stating the time of holding such meeting, also stating the purpose or purposes for which such meeting is called.

Rule 3: Declare a Vote

The Chair of the Traffic Commission shall take the chair at the fixed hour, or to which the Traffic Commission has adjourned or been called together, call the members to order, cause the roll to be called, and on the appearance of a quorum, proceed to business.

Rule 4: Vice Chair

In the absence of the Chair of the Traffic Commission, the Vice Chair shall call the meeting to order and preside.

Rule 5: Order & Decorum

The Chair shall preserve order and decorum; he/she may speak to points of order in preference to other members and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Traffic Commission, on the motion of any member.

Rule 6: Chair

The Chair shall declare all votes.

Rule 7: Quorum

A majority of all members of the Traffic Commission shall constitute a quorum. (5)

Rule 8: Majority for Meeting

A majority of all members of the Traffic Commission present at a meeting shall be required to adopt any motion before the body.

Rule 9: Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order shall generally apply.

Rule 10: Submission of Petitions

All matters for consideration must be submitted at least seven days in advance of the monthly meeting.

Rule 11: Order of Business

It shall be policy at the regular monthly meeting to hear agenda items submitted and or supported in the following order:

- 1: Mayor
- 2: City Councilors
- 3: Citizens
- 4: Business Owners
- 5: Other Business

Rule 12: Accessible On-Street Parking Spaces

Traffic Commission staff will follow up on a bi-annual basis with the petitioner to make sure the sign is still needed at the location.

Rule 13: “Slow Children” Signs

Slow Children signs will no longer be authorized and the present existing signs will not be replaced. Slow Children signs have little or no effect on vehicles.

The Commission will consider special Disabled signs for children (ex. deaf, blind). These signs will be subject to periodic review to see if they are still necessary.

Rule 14: Posted Speed Regulation

It shall be the policy of the Traffic Commission generally not to consider the placement of speed regulation signs (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 18) in neighborhoods when the statutory speed regulation is applicable (city-wide 25 mph thickly-settled speed limit. The Traffic Commission will consider unusual circumstances.

Rule 15: Residential Accessible Parking Spaces

A: Disabled Parking Plate/Placard

In order to apply for an Accessible parking space on a residential street, a household member must have a vehicle with a disabled plate/placard assigned to a resident at that address.

B: Garages and Driveways

For residents with garages or driveways, the applicant should be able to demonstrate that entry or exit from a vehicle within the garage or driveway is unavailable or infeasible. For example, the applicant may show that their driveway is too heavily used by others, or it is too steep or narrow to allow for entry or exit.

C: Accessible Routes Of Travel

For residence with garages or driveways, the applicant should be able to demonstrate that an on-street parking space provides for an easier route of travel to access their home. For example, the applicant may show that on-street parking space is closer to the main living area of their home, avoids stairs or other barriers, or otherwise creates an easier path of travel.

D: Competition for On-Street Parking Spaces

The applicant should be able to demonstrate that they are unable to access the on-street parking space nearest their home on more than an infrequent basis, due to competition for that space.

APPENDIX E

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENT PARKING STICKER

1. Motor vehicle must be registered in the Commonwealth and have a gross weight of less than 2 ½ tons.
2. Vehicle must be principally garaged in the City of Framingham, at an eligible address (see list of eligible streets on Schedule 2).
3. Vehicle must be owned or used by a resident of the City of Framingham.
4. Applicants must show proof of residency (current vehicle registration).
5. Resident Parking stickers must be permanently affixed to the lower corner of the driver's side windshield.
6. The annual fee for Resident Parking stickers will be **\$25.00 per vehicle**. Each replacement sticker shall also cost \$25.00. Payment is only accepted by check or money order – no cash or credit cards. See application for instructions on how to submit payment.
7. Parking Restrictions apply as shown on application.
8. **All stickers and placards will be void during any announced parking ban during weather emergencies. Resident sticker parking does not supersede other parking restrictions such as prohibitions for street sweeping.**
9. All parking fines for the vehicle must be paid before issuance.
10. All stickers and placards will expire on December 31, of each year. New stickers and placards for the new calendar year will become available for purchase by November 1 of the preceding year.

SCHEDULES:

- Schedule 1 Parking, Standing, & Stopping Restrictions
- Schedule 2 Resident Parking Sticker
- Schedule 3 Tow Zones
- Schedule 4 Parking In Fire Lanes
- Schedule 5 Service Zones / Loading Zones
- Schedule 6 Accessible Parking
- Schedule 7 Taxicab Stands
- Schedule 8 Parking Fees
- Schedule 9 Parking Fines
- Schedule 10 Approved Traffic Signals
- Schedule 11 Stop Signs
- Schedule 12 Yield Signs
- Schedule 13 One Way Streets
- Schedule 14 Heavy Commercial Vehicles Prohibited
- Schedule 15 School Zones
- Schedule 16 Speed Regulations
- Schedule 17 Turns Only As Designated
- Schedule 18 U Turns Prohibited
- Schedule 19 No Turn On Red Signal
- Schedule 20 Bike Lanes
- Schedule 21 Parking Meter Zones