

TOWN OF WINCHESTER



*Traffic  
Regulations*

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## TOWN OF WINCHESTER



### Traffic Regulations

The Selectmen of the Town of Winchester acting under the authority conferred by Section 22 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws and by virtue of any and every other enabling power do hereby make, adopt, and establish the following rules and orders for the regulation of carriages and vehicles used in said town and special regulations as to the use of motor vehicles upon particular or certain ways therein, hereinafter referred to collectively as "rules."

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

The provisions of these rules so far as they are the same as those of any existing rules, orders, or regulations heretofore made by the Selectmen of Winchester shall be construed as a continuation thereof but all other existing rules, orders, and regulations so made for the regulation of carriages and vehicles except such as have been adopted under and in compliance with section 18 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws are hereby expressly repealed, provided, however, that such repeal shall not affect any punishment or penalty imposed or any complaint or prosecution pending at the time of the repeal for an offense committed under any of said rules, orders, or regulations hereby repealed.

## ARTICLE I

### Title and Definitions

Section 1. The title of these rules, orders, and regulations shall be "Traffic Regulations of the Town of Winchester".

Section 2. Wherever in these rules the following terms are used, they shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, unless a different meaning is clearly apparent from the context.

**BUS OR MOTOR BUS**—Any motor vehicle operated upon a public way for the carriage of passengers for hire, indiscriminately receiving and discharging passengers along the route on which the vehicle is operated, or transporting passengers for hire as a business between fixed and regular termini.

**BUS STOP**—An area in any street, square or other public place, set apart and designated as such by the Selectmen, in which buses or other licensed motor vehicles may stop to receive or discharge passengers.

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

**DRIVER OR OPERATOR**—Any person driving or operating a vehicle as defined herein or a person riding or directing the movement of one or more animals.

**EMERGENCY VEHICLE**—Vehicles of the Fire and Police Departments, ambulances, and emergency vehicles of federal, state and municipal departments, and emergency vehicles of public service corporations when responding to an emergency of a public nature.

**HACKNEY CARRIAGE STAND**—An area in a way designated by the Selectmen and marked or signed as such wherein licensed hackney carriages may stand while waiting for passengers.

**INTERSECTION**—The space at the crossing of ways common to both of them, or the space in a way between the extended lines of the curbs or the exterior lines, if there are no curbs, of another way which meets but does not cross it.

**OFFICER**—Any officer or official authorized by law to direct, control or regulate traffic who is in uniform or has his badge of office displayed upon the left breast of his outer garment.

**OFFICIAL CURB MARKING**—That portion of a curbing painted by authority of the Selectmen for the purpose of indicating a place in which parking is prohibited or restricted and which has the written approval of the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**OFFICIAL STREET MARKING**—Any painted line, legend, marking or marker of any description painted or placed upon any way by authority of the Selectmen which purports to direct or regulate traffic and which has the written approval of the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNALS**—All signals consistent with these rules and which conform to the standards prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of directing or warning traffic.

**OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS**—All signs, markings and devices, other than signals, consistent with these rules and which conform to the standards prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of guiding, directing or warning traffic.

**ONE-WAY STREETS**—Streets or parts of streets established by the Selectmen as such, upon which vehicular traffic may move only in the direction indicated in the rule relating thereto or in any regulation made by the Selectmen after these rules shall have become effective.

**PARK**—To stand or cause the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in obedience to an officer or an official traffic sign or signal, or while making emergency repairs or, if disabled, while arrangements are being made to move such vehicle.

**PEDESTRIAN**—Any person afoot or riding on a conveyance moved by human power, except bicycles or tricycles.

**RAILROAD CROSSING**—Any intersection of ways with a railroad right-of-way.

**ROADWAY**—That portion of a street or highway between the regularly established curb lines or that part, exclusive of slopes known as shoulders, improved and intended to be used for vehicular traffic.

**SAFETY ZONE**—Any area or space set aside within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is indicated by signs, lines, or markings, having the written approval of the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**SIDEWALK**—That portion of a street or highway parallel with the roadway set aside for the use of pedestrians.

**STREET**—The entire area between property lines of every way established for or open to public use for purposes of travel.

**TAXICAB STAND**—An area in a way designated by the Selectmen and marked or signed

as such as a place wherein licensed taxicabs may stand while waiting for passengers.

**TRAFFIC**—Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, and other conveyances, either singly or together, while using any street for the purpose of travel.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL AREA**—Any area along any way, other than an intersecting way, at which drivers are to be controlled by traffic control signals.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL**—Any device using colored lights which conforms to the standards prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic may be alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

**TRAFFIC ISLAND**—Any area or space set aside, within a roadway, for the purpose of separating vehicular traffic, and which is not to be used by vehicles.

**VEHICLE**—Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

**WAY**—The entire area between property lines of every way established for or open to public use for purposes of travel.

## ARTICLE II

### Authority and Duties of Police

**Section. 1. ENFORCEMENT OF RULES**—Officers to Direct Traffic—It shall be the duty of the police department to enforce these rules. Regular members of the police department and special police officers assigned to traffic duty by the Chief of Police and constables and members of the fire department authorized by him to perform traffic duty are hereby authorized to direct,

control, and regulate all traffic in person or by means of visible or audible signal, in conformance with these rules, and in the event of a fire or other emergency any police officer or any member of the fire department may direct, control, or regulate traffic as conditions may require, to prevent congestion of traffic and to avert danger to persons, notwithstanding the provisions of these rules.

**Section 2. TEMPORARY CLOSING OF STREETS TO TRAFFIC AND TO PARKING—**The Chief of Police is hereby authorized in any existing or impending emergency, to temporarily close to traffic or to temporarily prohibit parking on any street or way or part thereof and to move or cause to be moved any vehicle parked contrary to such prohibition.

**Section 3. OBEDIENCE TO OFFICERS—**No person shall wilfully 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 any provision of these rules with which it conflicts.

**Section 4. EXEMPTIONS—**Drivers while actually engaged in work upon a street or highway closed to travel or under construction or repair, officers when engaged in the performance of public duties, drivers of emergency vehicles while operating in an emergency and in performance of a public duty shall be exempt from the operation of these rules to the extent that the nature of their work or duties requires a departure therefrom. This exemption shall not, however, protect the driver of any vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

### ARTICLE III

#### Traffic Signs, Signals, Markings and Zones

##### **Section 1. TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS**

(a) The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized and it shall be his duty, to place and

maintain or cause to be placed and maintained all official traffic signs, signals and markings required under these rules and all safety zones and other zones established by the Selectmen in accordance therewith. All such signs, signals, markings and zones shall conform to the standards prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(b) Sections 3 to 6 inclusive of Article IV relating to parking, shall be effective as to any area in a street between intersecting streets only while a sufficient number of official signs are erected and maintained therein indicating the provision of said sections relating thereto and so located as to be easily visible to approaching drivers.

(c) The provisions of Article V relating to one-way streets shall be effective as to any such street only while official signs are maintained at every entrance thereto and exit therefrom, from or to intersecting ways, sufficient in number and so placed that at least one sign will be clearly visible for a distance of at least seventy-five (75) feet to drivers approaching any such entrance or exit.

**Section 2. DISPLAY OF UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKINGS PROHIBITED—**No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any street any unofficial device, sign, signal, curb marking or street marking which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic device, sign, signal, curb marking or street marking or which purports to direct the movement of traffic or which obscures any official sign, signal, marking or device. The Chief of Police is hereby empowered to remove or cause to be removed every such prohibited sign, signal, marking or device without notice to any person.

**Section 3. INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKINGS PROHIBITED—**Any person who wilfully defaces, injures, moves, obstructs or interferes with any official traffic

sign, signal or marking shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty (20) dollars for each offense.

**Section 4. MEANING OF TRAFFIC WHISTLES**—Signals by whistles used by any officer in directing traffic shall have the following meanings:

(a) One blast of a whistle at an intersection shall indicate that all moving vehicular traffic is to come to a stop during which pedestrians may cross the street.

(b) Two blasts of a whistle followed by a warning hand signal shall indicate termination of the pedestrian crossing interval and vehicular traffic shall proceed on receiving a hand signal from an officer.

(c) Three or more blasts of a whistle shall indicate the approach of an authorized emergency vehicle, when both vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall immediately stop or proceed as directed by the officer.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Stopping, Standing, and Parking

**Section 1. GENERAL PROHIBITION.** No person shall park or stop or stand any vehicle, whether for the purpose of loading or unloading or for any other purpose, except temporarily when necessary to avoid conflict with other vehicles or with pedestrians or to comply with a command of an officer or an indication of a traffic sign or signal:—

- (a) Within an intersection.
- (b) Within the space at an intersection indicated by official curb markings, or, if there are no official curb markings, within 20 feet of an intersecting way.
- (c) Upon any cross-walk or any sidewalk.
- (d) Between an established safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 20 feet of a point on the curb immediately opposite either end of a safety zone.

- (e) In front of, or within, 15 feet of the extended line of either sidewall of a fire station.
- (f) Upon any street or way within 19 feet of a fire hydrant.
- (g) Upon any street or way so as to obstruct a private road or driveway.
- (h) Upon a railroad bridge or any approach thereto.
- (i) Beside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.
- (j) Upon any roadway where the parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed space thereon at least 10 feet wide for passing vehicles and a clear and unobstructed view of such vehicles for a distance of 200 feet in each direction upon such roadway.

Any vehicle parked in violation of any provision of this section may be moved by or under the direction of an officer.

**Section 2. PARKING CLOSE TO CURB, OBSTRUCTION BY PARKING**—Except in streets or parts of streets marked or signed for angle parking and except as otherwise provided by these rules, or when necessary in obedience to a traffic sign or signal or the direction of an officer, no person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle in a roadway in any other manner than parallel with the edge thereof, headed in the direction of traffic, and with both right wheels of the vehicle within one (1) foot of the edge of the roadway or curb.

**Section 3. PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS**—Parking is hereby prohibited at any time upon certain streets and parts of streets as follows:

**ARLINGTON STREET**—Northerly and easterly sides between Cambridge Street and Swan Road.



CHURCH STREET—Southerly side, on or within 15 feet of the cross walk at the Wyman School.

Southerly side between the railroad location and a point 105 feet westerly thereof.

CONVERSE PLACE—Easterly side between Mount Vernon Street and the angle in the way.

DIX STREET—Northerly end, northerly and westerly side between Glengarry Road and Church Street.

ELM STREET—Both sides, within a distance of 75 feet from either end.

ELMWOOD AVENUE—Northerly and westerly sides.

LORING AVENUE—Both sides within a distance of 50 feet from Swanton Street.

MAIN STREET—Easterly side within a distance of 40 feet southerly from Swanton Street.

MOUNT VERNON STREET—Southerly side between the bridge and a point 61 feet from Converse Place.

MYRTLE STREET—Southerly side within a distance of 50 feet from Washington Street.

NORWOOD STREET—Westerly side between Church Street and Lagrange Street.

RAILROAD AVENUE—Westerly side.

SWANTON STREET—Northerly side between Main Street and the Aberjona River bridge.

THOMPSON STREET—Easterly side.

VINE STREET—Both sides between Main Street and the intersection of Wedge Pond Road.

Easterly side from Park Street southerly to the angle in the way.

WASHINGTON STREET—Easterly side between Francis Circuit and Mount Vernon Street.

WINCHESTER PLACE—Easterly side.

WINTHROP STREET—Southerly side within 75 feet of Washington Street.

Section 4. LIMITED PARKING—Parking is hereby prohibited on certain streets or parts of streets at certain times as follows:

BRIDGE STREET—Northerly side between Washington Street and Kendall Street from 7 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Sundays.

CHURCH STREET—Northerly side between the northwesterly line of the Wyman School lot and a point 100 feet distant northeasterly therefrom from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

ELM STREET—Easterly side from 7 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Sundays.

SHERIDAN CIRCLE—Left side, entering the northerly part, from 7 a. m. to 2 p. m. on Sundays.

WASHINGTON STREET—Easterly side between Kenwin Road and Englewood Road from April first to December first.

WATSON PLACE—Westerly side from 7 a. m. to 2 p. m. on Sundays.

Section 5. PARKING TIME LIMITED IN DESIGNATED PLACES—

(a) No person shall park any vehicle for more than one (1) hour between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. in any of the following streets or parts of streets:

CHURCH STREET—Between a point 105 feet distant southerly from the railroad location and a point 126 feet distant southerly from the southerly line of Common Street.

COMMON STREET—Southerly side between Church Street and the Boston and Maine Railroad land.  
Both sides between Church Street and Park Street.

CONVERSE PLACE—Entire street.

LORING AVENUE—Between Swanton Street and Arthur Street.

MAIN STREET—Between Mystic Valley Parkway and Lake Street.

MOUNT VERNON STREET—Between Main Street and Washington Street.

PARK STREET—Between Main Street and Elmwood Avenue.

RAILROAD AVENUE—Easterly side.

THOMPSON STREET—Entire street.

VINE STREET—Between Church Street and Elmwood Avenue.

WASHINGTON STREET—Between Mount Vernon Street and Mystic Valley Parkway.

WATERFIELD ROAD—Entire street.

WINCHESTER PLACE—Westerly side.

(b) No person shall park any vehicle for more than three (3) hours between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. in any of the following streets or parts of streets:

COMMON STREET—Northerly and westerly sides abutting the Common.

Section 6. STANDING FOR LOADING OR UNLOADING.—No operator shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle, except while receiving or discharging passengers, at any curb adjacent to the reservation side of a park or parkway, or at any entrance, other than a service entrance, of a school, church, theatre, apartment house, hospital, railroad station, public building, or any place of public assembly.

Section 7. LOADING ZONES—No driver shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in any loading zone or in front of any loading platform except that passenger vehicles may stand for not more than five (5) minutes continuously for the receiving or discharging of passengers, and commercial vehicles may stand for not more than twenty (20) minutes continuously for the loading or unloading of merchandise or materials.

Section 8. NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED—No vehicles except those of physicians, nurses or clergymen while in actual attendance upon the sick, shall be parked on any street for a period of time longer than one (1) hour between the hours of 1 o'clock a. m. and 7 o'clock a. m. of any day.

Section 9. ANGLE PARKING—The Selectmen may designate parts of streets as areas in which the parking of vehicles at an angle may be permitted and cause the same to be marked or signed therefor by official signs. In areas so designated and marked or signed for angle parking vehicles shall be parked with one wheel within twelve inches of the curb, at the angle thereto indicated by such official signs and so that all four wheels of the vehicle are within the lines painted upon the street therefor.

Section 10. RESTRICTED USE OF CERTAIN STREETS—Between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. in the following streets or parts of streets there shall be no delivery or collection of coal, fuel, oil, ice, barrels, kegs, empty cases or boxes; nor the collection of garbage, refuse or waste materials; nor the collection or delivery of goods or materials of any kind which requires a vehicle being backed to the curb, except in an emergency, and then only as authorized by the Chief of Police, covering one day's delivery or collection:

CHURCH STREET, between School Street and Main Street;

COMMON STREET;

CONVERSE PLACE;

MAIN STREET, between Mystic Valley Parkway and Lake Street;

MOUNT VERNON STREET, between Main Street and Washington Street;

RAILROAD AVENUE;

THOMPSON STREET;

VINE STREET, between Church Street and Elmwood Avenue;

WASHINGTON STREET, between Mystic Valley Parkway and Mount Vernon Street;

WATERFIELD ROAD;

WINCHESTER PLACE.

Section 11. PARKING VEHICLES TO SELL THEREFROM PROHIBITED—No person shall stand or stop any vehicle upon any public way in the town for the purpose of selling or offering for sale any food, beverage or goods, wares or merchandise therein or therefrom.

This section, however, shall not prevent the stopping of vehicles of hawkers and pedlers at dwelling houses for the purpose of selling goods, wares, or merchandise to occupants thereof in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 101 of the General Laws and regulations made under authority thereof.

Section 12. PARKING OF VEHICLES FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES PROHIBITED—No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any highway for the purpose of there displaying it for sale, washing, greasing or repairing the same except for repairs necessitated by an emergency.

Section 13. PARKING ON BUS AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE STANDS—No person other than drivers of vehicles to which bus stands and hackney carriage stands have been assigned shall park any vehicle thereon while such stands are marked or signed as such and drivers of buses and hackney carriages shall not park or stand their vehicles in any place except such as has been so assigned therefor.

Section 14. UNLIGHTED PARKING—In accordance with section 7 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, vehicles while parked in any of the following streets or parts of streets need display no lights:

CHURCH STREET, between School Street and Main Street;

COMMON STREET;

CONVERSE PLACE;

MAIN STREET, between Mystic Valley Parkway and Lake Street;

MOUNT VERNON STREET, between Main Street and Washington Street;

RAILROAD AVENUE;

THOMPSON STREET;

VINE STREET, between Church Street and Elmwood Avenue;

WASHINGTON STREET, between Mystic Valley Parkway and Mount Vernon Street;

WATERFIELD ROAD;

WINCHESTER PLACE.

#### ARTICLE V

##### One Way Streets

Section 1. Upon the following streets or parts of streets vehicular traffic shall move only in the direction indicated below:

COMMON STREET, between Church Street and the railroad location; vehicles shall enter only from Church Street at the westerly end of said Common Street and move easterly.

CONVERSE PLACE, so much thereof as extends 227 feet from Mount Vernon Street; vehicles shall enter only from Mount Vernon Street and move southerly.

JOHNSON PLOT, The way crossing the Johnson Plot between Washington Street and Main Street, near the intersection of said streets; vehicles shall enter only from Washington Street and move westerly.

SCHOOL STREET, vehicles shall enter from Dix Street and move easterly to Church Street.

THOMPSON STREET, vehicles shall enter only from Main Street and move southerly.

WINTHROP STREET, between Highland Avenue and a point 260 feet westerly there-

from; vehicles shall enter only from Highland Avenue and move westerly.

**Section 2. LIMITED ONE-WAY STREETS**—Upon the following streets and parts of streets upon such days and during such times as are specified herein vehicular traffic shall move only in the direction indicated below:

Sheridan Circle—from 7 a. m. to 2 p. m. on Sundays:— Vehicular traffic shall enter the northerly part and leave by the southerly part.

## ARTICLE VI

### Operation of Vehicles

**Section 1. DRIVE ON RIGHT SIDE OF STREET**—Upon all roadways except when the right half of a roadway is impassable or closed to traffic, or when driving upon a laned roadway under rules applicable thereto, the driver of a vehicle shall drive the same upon the right half of the street, and shall drive a truck, bus, horse-drawn or slow moving vehicle as closely as practicable to the right hand edge or curb of such street, except when overtaking or passing another vehicle, or when placing a vehicle in a position to make a left turn.

**Section 2. DRIVE WITHIN MARKED LANES**—When any roadway has been divided into lanes, a driver of a vehicle shall drive so as to be entirely within a single lane and shall not move from the lane in which he is driving until he has first ascertained if such movement can be made with safety.

**Section 3. OVERTAKE ONLY WHEN THERE IS A SPACE AHEAD**—The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass a vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless there is sufficient clear space ahead on the right side of the roadway to permit the overtaking to be completed without impeding the safe operation of any vehicle ahead.

**Section 4. DRIVER TO GIVE WAY TO OVERTAKING VEHICLE**—The driver of a veh-

icle when about to be overtaken and passed by another vehicle approaching from the rear shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle, on suitable and audible signal being given by the driver of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

### Section 5. OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC—

(a) No persons shall drive in such a manner as to obstruct unnecessarily the normal movement of traffic upon any street or highway. Officers are hereby authorized to require any driver who fails to comply with this section to drive to the side of the roadway and wait until such traffic as has been delayed has passed.

(b) No driver shall enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk and on the right half of the roadway to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians notwithstanding any traffic control signal to proceed.

**Section 6. FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY**—No driver of a vehicle shall follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon and the condition of the street or highway.

**Section 7. CARE IN STARTING, STOPPING, TURNING OR BACKING**—The driver of any vehicle before starting, stopping, turning from a direct line or backing shall first see that such movement can be made in safety.

If the operation of another vehicle may be affected by a stopping or turning movement, the driver of such other vehicle shall be given a plainly visible signal, as required by the following section.

**Section 8. STOPPING AND TURNING SIGNALS.**—

(a) Any signal herein required shall be given a sufficient time in advance of the movement indicated to give ample warning to any persons who may be affected by said movement and shall be given by means of the hand and arm in the manner herein specified, or by a suitable mechanical or electrical device, except that when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent the hand and arm signal from being made or from being visible both to the front and rear, the signal shall be given by a suitable device.

(b) Hand and arm signals, as required herein shall be made as follows:

1. An intention to stop shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle.

2. An intention to turn to the left shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle, and by pointing to the left with the index finger.

3. An intention to turn to the right shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle, and by moving the hand in a circle.

**Section 9. EMERGING FROM DRIVEWAY OR GARAGE**—Every operator of a vehicle emerging from a driveway or garage shall bring such vehicle to a complete stop before crossing the interior of the sidewalk extending across any such driveway, and when any vehicle is about to be driven out of or in to any building, alley, or driveway in a business section on to a sidewalk, warning shall be given by a mechanical or electrical device visible or audible for a distance of fifteen (15) feet on either side of the place of crossing or by a competent person stationed thereat.

**Section 10. NO DRIVING ON SIDEWALKS.**—The driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon any sidewalk except at a permanent or temporary driveway.

**Section 11. NO DRIVING THROUGH SAFETY ZONES.**—It shall be unlawful for the driver of a vehicle, except on signal from an officer, to drive the same over or through a safety zone.

**Section 12. COMPLIANCE WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS**—Colors and arrow indications in traffic control signals at intersections shall have the commands ascribed to them in this section, and 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 (other than a "Stop" sign) signal or device or except as provided in subsection (b) of Section 14 of this Article.

In no case shall a driver enter or proceed through an intersection without due regard to the safety of persons within the intersection regardless of any indications given by traffic control signals.

(a) **GREEN:** While the green lens is illuminated, drivers facing the signal may proceed through the intersection, but shall yield the right of way to pedestrians and vehicles lawfully within a crosswalk or the intersection at the time such signal was exhibited. Drivers of vehicles making a right or left turn shall yield the right of way to pedestrians crossing with the flow of traffic.

(b) **RIGHT, LEFT AND VERTICAL GREEN ARROWS:** When a right green arrow is illuminated, drivers facing the signal may turn right. When a left green arrow is illuminated, drivers facing the signal may turn left. When a vertical green arrow is illuminated, drivers facing the signal may go straight ahead. When a green arrow is exhibited together with a red or yellow lens, drivers may enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow, but shall yield the right of way to vehicles and

pedestrians proceeding from another direction on a green indication.

- (c) **YELLOW:** While the yellow lens is illuminated, waiting drivers shall not proceed and any driver approaching the intersection or a 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 indicated by such arrow.
- (d) **RED:** While the red lens is illuminated, drivers facing the signal shall stop outside of the intersection, or such points as may be clearly marked by a sign or line, provided, however, that if a green arrow is illuminated at the same time, drivers may enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by such arrow.
- (e) **RED AND YELLOW:** While the red and yellow lenses are illuminated together, drivers shall not enter the intersection and during such time the intersection shall be reserved for the exclusive use of pedestrians.
- (f) **FLASHING RED:** A flashing red lens shall indicate those intersections at which a driver is required by law to stop before entering.
- (g) **FLASHING YELLOW:** A flashing yellow lens shall indicate the presence of a hazard and drivers may proceed only with caution.
- (h) **FLASHING GREEN:** A flashing green lens shall indicate an intersection or pedestrian crosswalk in use or subject to use by entering or crossing traffic. Drivers may proceed only with caution and shall be prepared to comply with a change in the signal to a red or yellow or red and yellow indication.

**Section 13. STOP SIGNS**—Every driver of a vehicle or other conveyance, approaching an intersection of ways at which there is facing him an official sign bearing the word "Stop", authorized hereby and which has been specifically approved in writing by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and such approval being in effect, shall before entering and proceeding through the intersection bring such vehicle or other conveyance to a complete stop at such line as may be clearly marked, or, if there is no line so marked, at a place between the said sign and the nearer line of the street intersection. When however, a line of two or more vehicles approaches any such sign, the drivers of the second and third vehicles in the line shall not be required to stop more than once at said designated line or place, or in the immediate vicinity thereof. This rule shall not apply when the traffic is otherwise directed by an officer or by any lawful traffic regulating sign, signal or device, to any through way established by the town, or to a funeral procession as provided in sub-section (c) of section 14 of this Article.

In accordance with the foregoing, the erection and maintenance of official stop signs is hereby authorized to be located and placed as follows:

**BACON STREET** at Mystic Valley Parkway (westerly of the railroad) to face northbound traffic on the parkway turning left into Bacon Street;

**CENTRAL STREET**, at Bacon Street, to face southwestbound traffic on Central Street;

**CONVERSE PLACE** at Main Street, to face southwestbound traffic on Converse Place;

**EVERELL ROAD** at Main Street, to face westbound traffic on Everell Road;

**FLETCHER STREET** at Wildwood Street, to face northeastbound traffic on Fletcher Street;

**GROVE STREET** at Main Street, to face eastbound traffic on Grove Street;

PALMER STREET at Wildwood Street, to face southwestbound traffic on Palmer Street;

PROSPECT STREET at Highland Avenue, to face eastbound traffic on Prospect Street; and to face westbound traffic on Prospect Street;

SWANTON STREET at Main Street; to face westbound traffic on Swanton Street;

SWANTON STREET at Washington Street, to face eastbound traffic on Swanton Street;

WASHINGTON STREET at Main Street, to face southbound traffic on Washington Street;

WILDWOOD STREET at Church Street, to face southeastbound traffic on Wildwood Street.

#### Section 14. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DRIVERS IN FUNERALS AND OTHER PROCESSIONS—

(a) 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 and to follow the vehicle ahead as closely, as is practicable and safe.

(b) At an intersection where 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 a yellow indication, or a combination thereof.

(c) At an intersection where a lawful stop 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.

Section 15. DROPPING OR LEAKING LOADS—No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street or way nor shall any owner of any vehicle knowingly permit such vehicle to be driven or moved on any street or way unless such vehicle is so constructed or so loaded as to prevent its

contents from spilling, dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom. Vehicles loaded with any materials which may be blown about by the wind shall be suitably covered to prevent the contents from being blown upon the streets or ways.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Exclusion of Heavy and Commercial Vehicles

No vehicle used or designed for the transportation of goods, wares or merchandise for commercial purposes shall enter or pass over any of the following streets or parts of streets, provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to emergency vehicles as hereinbefore defined, vehicles using said streets or parts of streets for the collection or delivery of goods, wares or merchandise from or to residences thereon or in connection with the construction, reconstruction, or repair of said streets, the water supply system, the sewers or drains, or the lines, pipes or conduits of any telephone, telegraph, gas or electric company therein, or to any vehicle equipped with pneumatic tires having a load capacity of not over two and one-half tons and having no trailer attached:

CENTRAL STREET GROVE STREET  
EVERETT AVENUE WILDWOOD STREET  
FLETCHER STREET WOODSIDE ROAD

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. ADVERTISING VEHICLES REGULATED—No persons shall operate any vehicle designated or used primarily for purposes of advertising on any street in the town.

Section 2. LOUD NOISES PROHIBITED—No vehicle shall be operated on any street if such vehicle is so conditioned or loaded as to make unreasonable or unnecessary noise.

Section 3. CLINGING TO MOVING VEHICLES—It shall be unlawful for any person travel-

ing upon any bicycle, motor cycle, coaster, sled, roller skates, or any toy vehicle, to cling to, or attach himself or his vehicle to any other moving vehicle upon any roadway.

**Section 4. PEDESTRIANS SOLICITING RIDES**—It shall be unlawful for any person to stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the operator of any private vehicle.

**Section 5. ZONES OF QUIET**—The Superintendent of Streets may temporarily establish a zone of quiet upon any street where a person is seriously ill. Any such zone may embrace all territory within a radius of two hundred (200) feet of the building occupied by the sick person and shall be designated by the Superintendent of Streets by placing at conspicuous places in the street signs or markings bearing the words "Zone of Quiet."

**Section 6. OWNER OF VEHICLE LIABLE FOR VIOLATIONS OF PARKING RULES**—No person shall allow, permit, or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand or park in any street or way under the control of the Town or its Selectmen in violation of any of these rules.

**Section 7. PENALTIES**—Whoever violates any provision of the foregoing rules shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20) for each offense, except as otherwise provided by statute.

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Selectmen of the Town of Winchester

July 27, 1936

Approved by the Department of Public Works  
July 28, 1936. Permit No. 577.

**REGULATION EXCLUDING MOTOR TRUCKS  
AND OTHER VEHICLES WEIGHING,  
WITH LOAD IF ANY, MORE THAN  
4 TONS FROM BACON STREET**

except for certain local purposes.

No motor truck or other motor vehicle which with its load, if any, weighs more than four tons shall be operated upon any part of Bacon Street, provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to motor vehicles operating on said street for the collection or delivery of goods or merchandise from or to residences thereon, or in connection with the construction, reconstruction or repair of said street, the water supply system, the sewers and drains or the lines, pipes or conduits of any telegraph, telephone, gas or electric company, therein.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a regulation adopted by the Selectmen of the Town of Winchester, certified by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth on November 5, 1929 after a public hearing to be consistent with the public interests and published in the "Winchester Star" on November 8, 1929, all in accordance with the provisions of section 18 of chapter 90 of the General Laws as amended by section 8 of chapter 357 of the Acts of 1928.

Attest:

DONALD R. WAUGH,  
Clerk of the Board of Selectmen



